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All set for the fossil invasion

LYME Regis will turn the clock back a couple of million years this weekend with the town bracing itself for an influx of fossil fanatics.

The town's popular fossil festival - this year entitled "Dead or Alive" and part of the International Year of Biodiversity - is expected to attract many thousand of visitors to the resort.

Festival director Kimberly Clarke and her team of helpers have this week been adding the final touches to a programme that will entertain, educate and surprise, cost-

By Philip Evans

ing nearly £100,000, with dozens of events being staged in Lyme and Charmouth.

Once again a 20-strong team of the world's top earth scientists from the Natural History Museum in London will decamp to Lyme to offer their expertise and advice.

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■ THE team bringing this year's Fossil festival to Lyme: (from the left) Janie Harper, Marcus Dixon, Diana Attenborough, Kimberly Clarke (director), Candida Blaker, Hannah Worthington (Natural England) and Heather Prior

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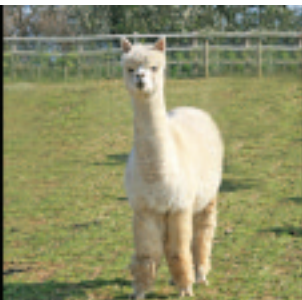
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KIMBERLY Clarke first moved to Lyme Regis in 1996, after emigrating from Canada to the UK in 1985.

She usually works in international development research communications, meeting people from all over the world. Kimberly moved back to Lyme a year ago after five years in Nicaragua.

A former trustee of the Lyme Regis Development Trust, Kimberly took on organising the Fossil Festival in January and is looking forward to having an entire year to organise the next one.

■ WHY do you think there is still so much interest in fossils and Dinosaurs?

There is something irresistible about holding in your hand a fossil that could be more than 100-million-years-old and have lived and died on the very spot that you picked it up today. If the fossils on our beach are not collected they will simply be washed away and lost forever, so it's great that so many people enjoy spending hours picking through all the rocks on the beach. The Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and Jurassic Coast team are at the forefront of smart fossil collecting too, which means that people can find out how to collect safely, and be encouraged to register important finds.

■ FOLLOWING last year's success, what can people expect from this year's festival?

We have some new things in the Marine Theatre, including a gig by Robyn Hitchcock, who in 2008 went on an Arctic voyage with the Cape Farewell art and climate change project. We will also be showing some great films on the big screen in the Marine, including two episodes of David Attenborough's 'Blue Planet' series, 'End of the Line', a documentary about how overfishing is devastating the oceans, and 'Art from a Changing Arctic'. The MEMO project on the beach will be carving a giant seafan on Portland stone. It's an endangered species, and very relevant as it's present in Lyme Bay. The marquees will be stuffed with old favourites like the Dinosaur Runway, and new things like the Jurassic Coast team's giant fossil jigsaw.

■ HOW involved are local groups and people in the hosting of the festival?

The festival depends very heavily on our volunteers, and we always owe them a great vote of thanks. Traders put up our posters in their windows, Dave Milligan has taken our posters and leaflets all over the countryside. Virgil puts up the banner and flags, and all the Marine Theatre friends and volunteers pitch in to make the events there run smoothly. Previous festival organisers Fred Humphreys and Richard and Val Doney have been very generous with their time and experience, as have local fossil collectors who will put on a fossil fair in the grand marquee. Ellen Wrooke will be face painting in the Jurassic garden on Saturday afternoon, and Alan and Lynne Vian will be inviting everyone to help build a giant sand



ammonite on the beach Saturday morning.

■ HOW beneficial do you think events like this are for Lyme's tourism and economy?

It's a key mission of the Lyme Regis Development Trust to support and develop our local economy. The Fossil Festival – and the bigger 2012 Earth Festival that's coming your way soon – are all part of a package that leads to the Jurassic Coast Field Studies Centre. The centre will not only provide decent jobs year round for people in Lyme, it will give opportunities for local people to teach courses on a whole range of subjects – from pure science to arts and crafts – and for all ages.

60 SECOND INTERVIEW

■ HOW much does it cost to hold the fossil festival and how is the money raised?

Our budget this year is just under £100,000. This doesn't include all the volunteer hours and the more than £50,000 that our participants spend to bring their teams and exhibitions to Lyme. The Natural History Museum alone, who are bringing more than 20 scientists of all types this year, spend about £25,000. We have had funding from RELAYS, the Jurassic Coast team, Natural England, Arts Council England, West Dorset District Council, the Fine Family Foundation, Dorset County Council, Creative Dorset, and Jurassic Coast Trust. We have also had two donations from local businesses Lyme Bay Holidays, who are funding the website and programmes, and Newlands Holidays, who are paying for the Lyme-Charmouth free minibus. We will be applying to more and different funders next year, and will really focus on trying to get some more business support on board.

■ WHAT do you think makes Lyme the perfect host venue for such a big event?

Lyme is such a jewel. All the events are centred around the seafront, which just becomes a gigantic theatre and outdoor classroom. Our traders are all experienced at serving visitors and so are able to ramp up and meet the demand – although they will all need a very long lie in after the weekend.

■ IF you could invite anyone from throughout time for a dinner party, which three guests would you choose and why?

Mary Anning of course, David Attenborough, and Jon Snow. Jon would make sure the conversation kept flowing whenever I was tongue-tied.

■ IF you were stuck on a desert island, which three things would you want to take with you?

A year's supply of chocolate, a complete set of Agatha Christie, and a very comfy hammock.

■ IF Mary Anning was alive today, what question would you ask her and why?

Why didn't you keep a diary?

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'Positive steps' towards reopening youth club

POSITIVE steps have been taken towards the re-opening of the club for young people in Lyme Regis.

The club has been closed for several years, having been declared "unfit for purpose".

At one time it looked as though the club trustees would sell the property but parents have been campaigning for the Church Street premises to be reopened.

Dorset County Council and the Woodroffe School looked at the possibility of re-establishing the club but an initial survey by county architects revealed that at least £250,000 needed spending on the building.

But at a public meeting earlier this year, chaired by MP Oliver Letwin, the county agreed to carry out a more comprehensive assessment of renovating the former Church Hall.

This week, Marcus Dixon, chief executive of the Lyme

by Philip Evans

Regis Development Trust who set up the Youth Consortium to deliver better out-of-school facilities for the young people of Lyme, issued a statement saying the progress was being achieved.

The statement read: "Following the public meeting held at St Michael's Primary School on February 12th Dorset County Council's Children's Services have commissioned a report on the condition and state of repairs of premises of the former Boys Club by chartered surveyors Symonds and Sampson LLP. As promised by the county the survey will be made public after consideration by the Lyme Regis Club for Young People who manage the building."

"The proposal to reopen the former boys club as a joint venture with the Woodroffe School and Children's Services and the Club For Young People is being developed in parallel with discussions centred on opening the building during the day as part of extended schools programme and for the building to operate as a youth club in the evening. These discussions foresee local young people taking a leading role in helping to secure the building and planning its future use."

Describing the new proposed joint venture as a "fantastically important agenda", Oliver Letwin said that he is delighted that there is a new report and that he looks forward to co-operation between the Club for Young People, the Woodroffe School and Children's Services to achieve a sensible solution agreeable to all partners.

Mr Letwin will be asked to chair a meeting of the Lyme Regis Youth Consortium, including representatives of the newly-formed youth club action group, which will be called after the election on May 6th.

Change of use for vets surgery

THE former veterinary surgery in Silver Street, Lyme Regis, could become a cake shop and cafe.

An application for change of use at 59 Silver Street from surgery to a cake shop, cafe and cook shop has been submitted by Emma Heron to West Dorset District Council.

Comments on the application are invited by May 21st.

The application will go before Lyme Regis Town Council's Planning Committee for a recommendation before a final decision is made by West Dorset District Council.

Police warning over rogue traders

POLICE have warned residents about rogue traders after two men were arrested whilst carrying out gardening work in Lyme Regis.

Police received a report of two suspicious men gardening in Talbot Road at 12.30pm on Tuesday, April 13th.

Following enquiries made at the scene, police arrested the two men on suspicion of committing offences under the Fraud Act 2006. The men were from Salisbury and using a white transit van. They are now on police bail.

PC Richard Winward said: "Householders should never have work done by people cold calling. You never know who they are or what their intentions are. There are plenty of local companies and individuals who can be contacted."

"At Lyme Regis Police Station locals can obtain a postcard to display in their window informing that they do not buy from doorstep sellers."

"If anyone suspects that jobbing builders, gardeners or roofers are doing work for an elderly person, perhaps a neighbour, then please give the police an opportunity to check it out by calling us at the time."

"Please don't leave it to someone else to call. If it is all in order then we have lost nothing, but one call could save someone from being the victim of crime."



■ A COFFEE morning and New To You sale at St Michael's Primary School, Lyme Regis, on Saturday raised £130 for the Parents and Friends Association. Chairman Sue Wiscombe is pictured with committee members Helen Reddaway, Sarah Causley, Jo Lee and Joy Fowler at the cake stall.

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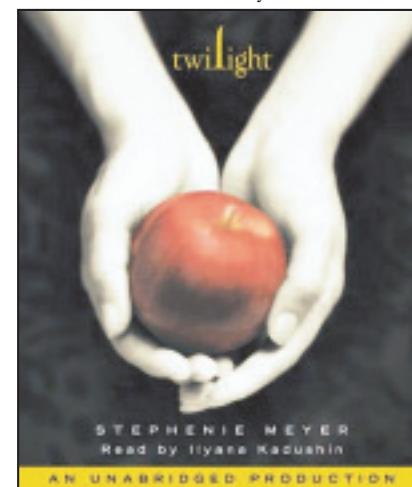
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View editor PHILIP EVANS goes on the stump with Conservative Oliver Letwin

ELECTIONEERING with Oliver Letwin is not for the faint hearted. Or the unfit.

I joined Oliver and his team of Tory canvassers, mainly eager young things cutting their political teeth, on the stump in the West Dorset villages but felt distinctly fatigued after just a couple of hours.

We met in the car park at Drimpton Village Hall where maps were produced and an itinerary confirmed for the afternoon.

I'm introduced to one of his supporters as "a very dangerous man". He was joking, of course. I think.

Like all seasoned politicians he treats the press with guarded respect and later, when he

Influential, polite with a steely reserve

scattered his leaflets all over a doorstep and I helped him pick them up, he commented: "I knew editors had a use."

It was a glorious spring afternoon and Oliver was already in shirtsleeves when he arrived looking as sprightly as ever and quite pleased with himself.

And so he should. The previous day's leader in The Times described him as "an influential architect of modern Conservatism" lamenting that he would be much missed if ousted on May 6th.

As an attendee at Shadow Cabinet meet-

ings, Oliver is definitely a key figure and as such has a punishing schedule during the run-up to the election, rather blowing a bit of a whole in the Lib Dems' claim that he is a "part-timer".

He has to be in Central Office in London by 6 am every morning and then returns to the constituency by 2pm for canvassing for the rest of the day, usually finishing with a meeting somewhere in the constituency before returning to London again.

The Times pointed out that he is defending a modest majority of 2,461 and with the Lib Dem bandwagon in overdrive his seat could prove vulnerable.

When I remind him of the Times leader, he replies rather mischievously: "I think I might send the editor a bottle of champagne."

If hard work is any yardstick, then Oliver deserves to be re-elected

but he is taking nothing for granted.

Back to the door knocking. Oliver strides off into the village with me and one of his faithful in tow. "You'll get used to this," she says. "You will never keep up with him."

It was quite obvious that Drimpton is very much a Tory village and there were few doorstep banana skins that he had to negotiate.

One Conservative supporter did come shuffling down to the lane to catch him, berating Gordon Brown as "such an arrogant man" and accusing him of raiding her pension scheme. She wasn't over impressed either with David Cameron, preferring that old warhorse Kenneth Clarke.

But Oliver quickly put her right. "David is quite brilliant" he told her.

Having circumnavigated Drimpton (a big-

ger place than I anticipated) we regrouped at the village hall and set off for South Perrott on the fringe of the constituency.

In the car park of the Coach and Horses pub we are joined by more supporters and Oliver sets off again at an Olympic pace.

Same reaction from most doorsteps; you've got our vote Oliver.

But as we walked into the School Hill Magna housing estate Oliver warned me that he did not expect to meet too many friendly faces.

I asked whether he was ever tempted to skip the unfriendly areas. "Certainly not," he replied. "They must not be forgotten."

As it turned out there were several Tory supporters in School Hill, although one member of the Armed Services, home on leave, said: "The jury is still out".

But he definitely would

not be voting Lib Dem after hearing Nick Clegg's views on Trident in the TV debate the night before.

Oliver put his unexpected support in School Hill down to the fact he had helped out several residents on various problems over the year.

This is a recurring theme wherever we go. Despite his high profile in the Conservative Party (according to The Times his "modernising and liberal instincts are recognisable throughout the Conservative manifesto), Oliver is a good constituency MP.

Time and again he tells those who stop him in the streets to contact him on May 7th and he will do his best for them.

After South Perrott it was more of the same in Cheddington and then on to Misterton where the day's canvassing finished with a public meeting at the village hall, conveniently fur-

nished in Tory blue blinds and stage curtains.

There were 50 or so at the meeting, mainly party members I suspect, and mostly over 60.

One young mother brought along her child and Oliver promised to help her with a health matter after the election.

"Even if I don't vote for you?" she enquired. "Of course."

Although this is one of the most challenging

elections in Oliver's 13 years as West Dorset's MP, electioneering is much the same with few firebrands on the doorsteps, despite the public dissatisfaction with politics.

I'm struck by Oliver's politeness even to those who are clearly not supporters. He's a decent man but has the demeanour of an academic slightly out of kilter with the cut and thrust of this dirty game of politics.

But he has a steely reserve - and, as my legs discovered, boundless energy.



■ WINNING THEM OVER: Oliver Letwin addresses voters in Mosterton Village Hall

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GENERAL ELECTION 2010



View reporter PAUL CROMPTON goes electioneering with Liberal Democrat Sue Farrant

IT'S 1pm and the pumpkin and chilli soup is as orange as the rosettes adorning the chests of the volunteers sat around fold out tables and chairs.

Nattering away, it seemed more like a coffee morning than work on a campaign for one of the Lib Dem identified key seats in this year's general election.

The lady of the moment, Prospective Parliamentary Candidate Sue Farrant, is still not in attendance. Nevertheless, the excitement in the air is tangible.

Some of the 40 odd volunteers from the Beaminster branch of the Lib Dems - who give up their time and soup willingly - sit around the Skyrn Room com-

'I'm in this to make life better for people'

pleting the sticking of the last 25,000 envelopes which will be posted out to the households in West Dorset. Volunteers run the campaign, or at least this section of it: from the press officer to the canvasses, to the driver, to the cooks. Why do they do it?

Chair of the Beaminster branch, Ngaire Streets, said: "Usually because they believe the same thing as the party believe. They would really love to see our party in power so what we believe in, gets in."

"The extra bonus is we all think the world of Sue."

Mrs Streets sat on the selection panel that chose Mrs Farrant to represent them and their principles in this, one of the most exciting elections in over a decade.

American style televised debates have seen the Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg soar in the polls. And that popularity, which has echoes of Blair, has seen staunchly Conservative and Labour voters swing. Either because they are fed up with what they see as the "same old parties" or simply because they don't want to waste a vote and allow the conservatives to hold its constituency seat.

Later, whilst knocking on doors, Sue will be told as much by Beaminster's residents. Mrs Streets said her long-term canvasses were coming in saying they had never had a re-

sponse like it before, adding: "The question is - have we crossed the tipping point?"

Sue obviously thinks so, it's why she moved to Sherborne to become a PPC and try to win the seat.

Then she steps into the hall and it's all hands on deck. List of doors on which to knock: check. Pledges cards (nicknamed "lobster" cards because Sue thinks she looks like one in the picture): check. Canvassers: check.

Knock, knock. The door opens. "Hello, I'm Sue Farrant. I'm the Liberal Democrat candidate. How are you?"

"Have you decided which way you will vote yet," she continues.

From there she freestyles according to the response. She's all smiles, home-spun congeniality, poise and charm. The perfect candidate for the party's

anti-politics stance. She canvasses with her daughter while her son cooks meals for them after 12 hours of campaigning. It's like the Waltons meet the Kennedys.

There was one time when it was very clear a man usually voted, but this time he wouldn't," says Sue.

"So I spent some time talking to him. He was just fed up with corruption and all the stories in the press. He was disillusioned and cynical.

"So I said, look, I'm a fresh start. I've never been in Parliament before. I come from an ordinary background and have worked all my life, so give me a chance and, if you want, vote me out next time."

Waiting outside a house, volunteer canvasser and party member of 46 years Malcolm Collins, says he thinks people felt it's time for a

change.

"It's the first time in 40 years that I've been involved that I felt it's possible things are going to change," he says.

"I remember Poole MP John Ward was explaining how people used to go to various supermarkets to get the cheapest pound of butter. He couldn't understand it. That's a Tory, and they are still like it."

As he finishes the sentence Sue comes striding out from the doorstep. She has just finished talking to a resident and swayed their vote in her favour. It's an obvious moment of pleasure.

Sue is pleased but realistic. "It's just one voter," she says, walking out of the cul-de-sac. There will need to be many thousands more eligible voters choosing her on May 6th to secure her victory.

In the past four weeks

alone the amount of registered voters has increased by 1,500, 946 since April 20th. New voters; new candidate; new government. At least that's the hope.

"I love canvassing," says Sue, "For me it's what the party is about, getting out and talking to people, and more importantly listening to

people. For me it's a public service. I'm in this to try and make life better for people. I used to get so angry when I saw things that I thought were wrong, not legally but morally, and not happening the way I thought they should be happening. So when my children left home I thought I could sit at home and moan or get out there.

"Meeting people is what it's all about. I'm a great believer people vote for people."



WINNING SMILES: Peter Beauchamp confirmed to Sue Farrant he will be voting Lib Dem on May 6th

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Views from the candidates



Immigration is the key



■ OLIVER CHISHOLM

THE message is clear: "We are not a one issue party," says UKIP'S Oliver Chisholm. This election is straightforward: "Vote UKIP and demand a Referendum on our membership of the European Union," he adds. "If you vote for any of the other parties you are happy to be governed by them."

The message goes on and is clear: Only if we leave the EU can we make the decisions that will take us out of this economic mess. Immigration, UKIP believe, is at the heart of Britain's problem.

"Britain has an open door to the 26 other member countries and there is immense pressure on our infrastructure," says Oliver.

"The health service, education, housing, benefits system, are all under immense pressure. What those who come here to enjoy, they are destroying by weight of numbers."

"The other parties know there is a headache. They say they will cure it by capping those wishing to come from outside the Union. They know they cannot stem the flow

from inside the EU.

"The latest members Romania and Bulgaria will not have full rights for a couple of years. Thousands of Moldovans have recently been given Romanian passports."

But UKIP is not a one-issue party, and their manifesto is clear when they want the rights of the victims to take precedence over the criminals... "Try telling that to Brussels," Oliver says.

"We want to make laws at Westminster that are tailor-made for Great Britain...try telling that to Brussels, from where 75 per cent of our current legislation comes."

"We want to recover and manage our territorial fishing waters...when we tried that a few years ago Brussels fined us £100 million."

The party also want grants not benefits for suitable university students. Apprenticeships not cheap labour for those youngsters with physical skills. And they want to leave teachers to teach and nurses to nurse and take away the non-productive elements.

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without interference and red-tape are just some of the mandates that Susan, a member of the Green Party since 1983, wants for Britain.

"At the moment the county's priority is on an economy that is driven by profit and pointless change," she says. "We want schools that can con-

centrate on education and hospitals that care for patients."

Change is underpinning all parties' manifestos, but Susan is adamant that a vote for the Green party at this election will bring a fundamental change to the way the country is run.

"We want to put the emphasis on Fair Trade rather

than Free Trade and on working for peace without violence and working toward an equality in terms of taxing the rich and increasing the economic benefits for the poor of society so there is greater happiness in the community," she says.

The Green manifesto includes plans that could put



■ SUSAN GREENE

1,000,000 more people back to work and create a more equal and less divided society.

"We want a more tranquil society and by voting Green Party in West Dorset you can reject the fake green promises of the other parties," she continues.

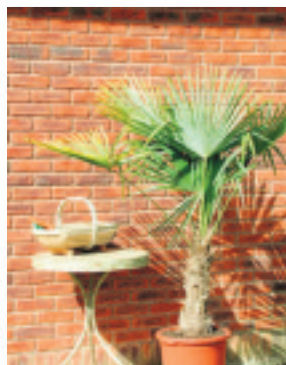
Susan, who has lived in Sherborne since 1969, also wants better transport links for the area, and hopes to persuade people to use those links, including better bus services, if and when they are implemented.

She is also an advocate of greener energy. Susan wants wind turbines to be used to create energy, and having installed one of the first solar panels in Sherborne on her house, wants mass purchasing of solar panels to make them cheaper for everyone to use.

But all this is reliant on Green Party members taking seats in a government, which is increasingly looking like it will be a hung Parliament with people swinging from blue, to red to yellow – either tactically or because of disillusionment with the whole thing.

But Susan has a clear message to those people: "I would simply encourage people to vote consciously rather than against something else."

"Focus on the party you believe in, rather than getting rid of the one you disapprove of the most."



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View reporter TOM GLOVER joins Labour's Steve Bick on the campaign trail

LABOUR are facing a tough challenge in a constituency dominated by Conservative and Lib-Dem voters, but in the red corner Parliamentary candidate Dr Steve Bick is "Fighting to win".

Dr Bick has been a Labour follower since he was a teenager, setting up the political debating society whilst a pupil at Weymouth Grammar School.

Fighting to win in the Red Corner!

"Labour was the party of fairness and it matched with my values" he said.

Outside Dr Bick's house in Dorchester his campaign agent Mike Gant is co-ordinating volunteers for a morning canvassing. Dr Bick is optimistically loading

stakes into the "battle bus" ready to bang into any supporters garden. The D-reg Volkswagen Transporter, loaded with campaign posters and a PA system, is an unlikely campaign vehicle although,

"John Prescott has a Ford Transit" Dr Bick ex-

plains.

The van fails to keep pace with Dr Bick's campaign car in front and when we reach Martinstown, Dr Bick grabs for the map. We head over to Portesham to re-fuel and Dr Bick, split up from his volunteers, sets to work on canvassing.

After a series of unanswered knocks and posted pamphlets Dr Bick finally gets an answer. Despite a friendly chat with the homeowner and some medical advice for the voters dog, who has cataracts in both eyes, Dr Bick is told he is wasting his

time. Behind the next Labour red door is another "no" for Dr Bick from another Conservative supporter.

Not disheartened, he marches on up the road past a series of Lib-Dem plastered houses, "KBO" he says, "keep bugging on". The words of arguably Britain's greatest leader, and a hero of Dr Bick's, Winston Churchill.

"I appreciate I am an outsider but I fight to win. I am a third horse in this race, but I fight to win otherwise there is no point in standing, I am aiming to re-build the Labour vote which has been excessively squeezed in West Dorset in recent years."

We soon come across a familiar problem for Dr Bick, which he hopes to tackle this election, the tactical voter.

A former Labour activist explains he may be voting Lib-Dem this year in order to keep the Conservatives out of No.10. Dr Bick explains that he wants people to stand up for the Labour party and help re-build the vote in West Dorset.

Another problem for candidates this term is the disillusioned voter. The MPs expenses scandal is still fresh in voter's minds. "I don't trust the lot of you" one man yells as he cycles off away from the genial Dr Bick.

"A lot of people are disillusioned with politicians and politics but it is important that everyone uses their vote," he says.

Dr Bick is proud to be standing in a constituency where he grew

up. His love of the county is evident, pointing out the rocks, which fell from the surrounding hills to form Portesham's natural landscape and the former home of Admiral Hardy, which stands prominent in the village.

Approaching the last few houses Dr Bick has a bit more luck. A female voter assures Dr Bick he is getting her vote and then takes advantage of his medical knowledge, grilling him on techniques to help her recent attempts to quit smoking.

"There is a lot of support for Labour in this village," she says.

Dr Bick is happy to advise and is pleased to be likened to a young Neil Kinnock when he removes his sun hat.

After a morning's canvassing, there is just time for a quick toilet break before heading into Dorchester.

Back in Dorchester town centre the Labour support is stronger.

Lifelong Labour voter, Barry Thompson, is pleased to see Dr Bick. "I'd like to see Oliver Letwin out but I am not a tactical voter," he

says. "I've got to stick to my convictions, Labour are best for the ordinary working class person. We should stick with the Labour party and get other people to change their minds, not vote tactically."

"Labour can offer a lot here, they could do a lot more with social housing which is needed badly and also I think they are the best party for workers in Dorset."

Dr Bick is reunited with his volunteers in the town centre. Campaign agent Mike Gant is drumming up support in the high street.

"He stands for traditional Labour values. He is not a banker, he is a GP and you can draw your conclusions from that as to where his values are and where his heart lies, he is concerned about people" he says.

After a day spent canvassing Dr Bick heads home to check on his emails before heading out to South Dorset where he is supporting Labour MP Jim Knight.

It's a day off from his Dorchester Road Surgery in Weymouth, where Dr Bick is a senior partner, but it is another hard day on the campaign trail.

"We have to keep it up, there is just 13 vdays to go," he says.

"I've got to stick to my convictions, Labour are best for the ordinary working class person. We should stick with the Labour party and get other people to change their minds, not vote tactically."

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■ Dr Steve Bick with Labour supporters Barry Thompson and Vicki Black in Dorchester

Council reject second plan for five new houses

PLANS to build five substantial houses on land adjacent to Somers Road in Lyme Regis are being recommended for refusal by the town council's Planning Committee.

Planning permission for the development adjacent to Greenhill was granted by West Dorset District Council in 1990 but was allowed to lapse.

A group of residents from Somers Road at-

By Philip Evans

tended the town planning meeting to express their concern over the impact the development would have on the area.

In consideration of the application for outline permission, councillors raised serious concerns with regard to the sub-standard access in terms of the sur-

facing, gradient and visibility play with implications for the safety of pedestrians and highway users.

Although cutting back overhanging hedges would improve the situation to a degree, even then the line of sight was far below what would be acceptable for the

development if it was an adopted highway.

The committee also expressed great concern that the proposal involved the disposal of surface water via soakaways and not a piped mains system and this requirement should be a condition of a full application.

Councillors did not think the three-storey nature of the proposed houses were in keeping with the charac-

ter of the area as none of the existing properties that surrounded the site were three storey.

This, together with the number of houses proposed, created potential for loss of light, overlooking and impinging on the privacy of neighbouring houses.

One of the residents, Mr Tim Bacon, said one of his neighbours had contacted the County Highways department whose officer had considered the overall application to be "of poor quality" and the driveway "not of the best design".

Committee chairman Ken Meech said they had no information from the highways officer.

Councillor Stan Williams urged the committee to reject the application, drawing attention to the amount of surface water in the area, particularly in Penny Plot.

The Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis, reminded councillors that they always recommended refusal of applications with soakaways.

Kersbrook plans divide councillors

PLANS for an extension at the Kersbrook Hotel in Lyme Regis split councillors at the April town council Planning Committee meeting.

The plans included a two-bedroom separate unit of family accommodation located in the Pound Road hotel's existing car park. The development would be raised on stilts, as so not to lose any car parking spaces.

The application has received two objections from neighbouring properties, on the grounds that the extension would be overdevelopment of the site, not in keeping with the hotel, which is a listed building, and would be an intrusion to privacy of nearby properties.

The Mayor, Councillor Michaela Ellis, agreed that the development would not be in keeping with the listed building, especially as it was on stilts.

Councillor Lucy Campbell thought the new unit should, at least, have a thatched roof to match the existing hotel.

The planning committee voted on the applications and

found themselves split, with four councillors voting no objections to the plans and four voting to recommend refusal.

The chairman, Councillor Ken Meech, had the casting vote and it was decided that they would pass no objections on to West Dorset District Council, who will make the final decision.

Full details of the plans are available on WDDC's website, www.dorsetforyou.com

◆ LYME Regis Town Council Planning Committee found no objections with plans to develop the Westwood Guest House in Woodmead Road.

Plans include a new glazed entrance area to provide better wheelchair access, a conservatory extension and the installation of velux windows to the attic room.

The plans will now be considered by West Dorset District Council.



County honour for ex-club chairman

FORMER Lyme Regis Football Club chairman Philip Evans has been honoured for his services to football in Dorset.

Mr Evans, 61, editor of the *View from Lyme Regis*, served as chairman for ten years, from 1995 to 2005, during which the club enjoyed some of its most successful moments.

He was recently made a life member of the club which he first joined as a player at the age of 14. He is still connected with Lyme FC as the club's main sponsor and assisting

with fundraising for the new changing rooms appeal fund.

Last Thursday Mr Evans was invited to the Hamworthy headquarters of Dorset County Football Association where the chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr Peter Hough, presented him with a special volunteer award for his services to football.

Mr Evans commented: "Football has played a big part in my life and I was delighted to receive the award, especially as it is the 125th anniversary of the club."

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- ◆ TRY out the Natural History Museum's scanning electron microscope, and while you're there pan for gold, sieve for shark's teeth, and check out a meteorite – and then take a walk down the Dinosaur Runway with Plymouth Uni
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- ◆ GET your hands on art – Help them paint a huge fossil picture from blue lias clay and make giant plesiosaur jaws in the Grand Marquee, or carve some stone with the MEMO project
- ◆ LAUGH your socks off with Herbie Treehead as he pulls ichthyosaurs and dolphins from nowhere, and at Desperate Men's new biodiversity show 'Everything Gets Eaten'. If you're lucky you may even catch Darwin and the Dodo's return visit.

Travel back to the future

by Marcus Dixon
Chief Executive, Lyme Regis
Development Trust

LYME Regis is expecting an invasion of visitors set on learning more about the Jurassic Coast as it stages the town's celebrated Fossil Festival this Saturday and Sunday.

The festival, entitled "Dead or Alive" and part of the International Year of Biodiversity, offers a range of participative arts and science activities to people of all ages giving the chance to travel back into 180 million years of the earth's history in ways that gives insights into the future.

Created through an unusual partnership, Lyme Regis Fossil Festival enables visitors and locals alike to enjoy an eclectic range of interactive activities with scientists, experts from the Natural History Museum, Natural England, science institutes, universities, Jurassic Coast World Heritage Team with Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre, Lyme Regis Museum, Marine Theatre and fossil collectors and a fabulous range of artists.

Lyme Regis makes a great venue for the festival with its fabulous setting in the heart of England's only natural World Heritage Site as well as its geology, fossils, renowned fossil hunter Mary Anning and pivotal role in the birth of the earth sciences.

The Bank Holiday will see the seafront home to a cavernous marquee housing the Natural History Museum with their powerful microscopes and panning for gold, nearby you can walk the Dinosaur Runway with Plymouth University and touch real meteorites from the British Antarctic Survey. Alongside will be a glittering array of fossils displayed by local fossil experts and the chance to go fossiliteering with the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Team or discover the deep blue with National Oceanography Centre. Elsewhere in the marquee artists Darrell Wakelem will need help making a giant plesiosaur jaw and Christine Allison will create a huge fossil painting, whilst outside Natural England will be offering an open-air storytelling trip.

Around the town you can explore the Lyme Regis Museum's Jurassic Garden, talk evolution with Darwin and the Dodo, carve Portland Stone with the MEMO Project or watch the fantastic Herbie Treehead really pull frightening ichthyosaurs out of a suitcase. Talk walks along

the shore, hunt fossils or explore the Undercliff with Natural England.

In the Marine Theatre you can explore 'Art in the Arctic' with the award winning Cape Farewell project, groove to B Sharp's fantastic Lyme youth music extravaganza or see the amazing Robyn Hitchcock.

Catch a free bus to Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre and see their wonderful exhibitions, trap moths slice ammonites, explore the beach.

The festival also underpins a broader regeneration strategy that seeks to establish a sustainable year round economy for Lyme Regis, which suffers many of the issues associated with a rural isolated community. The event is designed to position the town as an internationally significant education destination and home to the planned Jurassic Coast Studies Centre, a joint venture with Natural History Museum and Field Studies Council.

Lyme Regis Fossil Festival is important because science changes lives. It transforms the way we see and can influence the world around us.

The Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site is a 95-mile giant outdoor classroom that offers people the opportunity to develop a life-long appreciation and understanding of the earth and the remarkable variety of life it supports.



◆ RETURNING: Herbie Treehead's travelling theatre show was a big hit last year and will be part of the "Dead or Alive" festival over the weekend

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in the Grand Marquee





■ ON SHOW IN LYME: Duria Antiquior or Ancient Dorsetshire by Henry De la Beche and

Ancient fossil picture on show at museum again

THIS Fossil Festival weekend Lyme Regis Museum will be privileged to have on loan from the National Museum of Wales the original watercolour Duria Antiquior or Ancient Dorsetshire.

Based on fossils that were found at Lyme Regis, Duria was the first pictorial representation of a scene of prehistoric life.

It was painted by Henry De la Beche (1796-1855), pro-

fessional fossil collector and friend of Mary Anning. The picture will be on display in the geology gallery of the museum from Friday, April 30th to Sunday, May 2nd.

Tom Sharpe, Duria's guardian and Curator of Palaeontology at the National Museum of Wales will talk on 'Mary Anning's Discoveries' at Lyme Regis Museum on Saturday and Sunday (May 1st and 2nd) at 11.30am.



■ TOM Sharpe, Curator of Palaeontology at National Museum of Wales, giving a talk at Lyme Regis Museum during Fossil Festival 2009. Displayed in the case behind him (extreme left of picture) the original watercolour Duria Antiquior or Ancient Dorsetshire by Henry De la Beche

May Day fete will feature Lyme's talented youngsters

THE annual May Day Fete at the Anning Road playing field on Sunday (May 2nd) will showcase local organisations who will have stalls all around an events arena.

The fete will be opened at 2 pm by the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Michaela Ellis, accompanied by the Mayor's Consort and all the proceeds will go to the organisations present.

The young people's organisations in Lyme will provide entertainment during the afternoon. There will be music from Lyme Regis Junior Band, Maypole Dancing from St Michael's Primary School, gymnastics from Honiton Gymnastic Club,

by Francesca Evans

who have a number of local members, a Taekwondo demonstration and a display by the Lyme Regis Majorettes.

Teresa Evemy, chairman of the Lyme Regis Regatta and Carnival Committee, who organise the event, commented: "We always look forward to this event because it organised by Lyme people for Lyme people."

"We look forward to seeing a big crowd of people as there is a great programme of arena entertainment by the young people of Lyme Regis."

"We are so lucky to have such tal-

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Allotments on Strawberry Field are only 'temporary'

ALLOTMENT S on the Strawberry Field on the outskirts of Lyme Regis may have a short lifespan.

Town councillors have been told that the allotments are considered to be of a "temporary nature" and tenancy agreements being drawn up for the allotment holders will only be for four years initially.

The town council will be able to reconsider the use of the land in 2014 when they may consider using the Strawberry Field for sport and leisure, as was the original intention.

A row has broke out over using the land, once earmarked as a new home for Lyme Regis Football Club, with former owner Cliff Powley saying he would never

Nod for care home plans

TWO care homes in Lyme Regis have taken a step toward extending their facilities, as Lyme Regis Town Council found no objections with either planning application.

Fairfield House Residential Care Home on Charmouth Road and Shire House Care Home in Sidmouth Road are both hoping to improve facilities.

Plans at Fairfield House include two single-storey extensions at the back of the building to form three additional bedrooms and associated facilities.

An application for an extension at Fairfield House was previously submitted in 1998 but was refused due to ground stability issues and because it was considered an intrusion of privacy by nearby properties.

Councillors commented that the new plans were a "vast improvement" and they found no objections.

They also found no objections with plans to demolish Chatterton House, situated in the grounds of Shire House, and to replace it with 14 retirement apartments, a communal lounge and kitchen, library and computer area, physiotherapy and hairdressing room and office.

By Francesca Evans

have sold the land to the council if he thought they would use it for allotments.

Another neighbouring landowner, Mike Lyons, has upset allotment holders in Charmouth Road after highlighting the untidy state of some of the plots.

Mr Powley and Mr Lyons have written to the town council about the situation, prompting comments at last week's full council meeting. Contents of those letters were not revealed at the meeting, although town clerk Mike Lewis said that contained matters which the council should consider.

Deputy Mayor Owen Lovell asked that whether the town clerk could confirm that there would be no problem in removing the allotment status from the Strawberry Field in the future.

He added that there were some points in the letters which they council might wish to address and they were "quite pertinent".

Mr Lewis said there were two sorts of allotment land – statutory which had been purchased for the purpose of creating allotments and temporary for land that had been acquired for other purposes but was being used for allotments.

He said the council had been advised that the Strawberry Field came under the designation of temporary land and therefore the council would be able to reconsider its use in the future if there was a viable alternative use.

The leases being drawn up for the new allotment holders at the Strawberry Field will therefore be temporary agreements but they were getting the council's legal advisers to confirm this so they had a "water tight" case.

Mr Lewis agreed that Mr Powley and Mr Lyons had "come up with some good stuff" in their letters which the Policy Committee should consider.

He added that the council was waiting for a certificate of lawfulness from West Dorset District Council to proceed with the allotments at the Strawberry Field and he thought it could be a couple of months before the matter was resolved and the plot holders could move onto the site. All 26 sites have been allocated.

Councillor Lorna Jenkins said she had been looking at government websites and could confirm that it was perfectly in order to have allotments on land where planning applications had stalled (a reference to the Strawberry Field being acquired for sport and leisure but not gaining planning permission).

Referring to complaints made by Mr Lyons about the state of the allotments in Charmouth Road, Councillor Stan Williams said he had been summoned to the site by one very upset allotment holder who provided fresh vegetables for five local families.

"He was very irate that he had been attacked in this way," he said. "His allotment was immaculate."

Councillor Ken Meech said he thought that the photographs of the untidy state of the Charmouth Road allotments distorted the situation, adding it was a case of "creative photography".

Councillor Daryl Turner said he had also been summoned to the allotments where similar complaints were made, although he did have some reservations about the deep freeze on the site.

Councillor Lovell also took issue with a statement by Mr Powley that the Strawberry Field was never offered for sale but was leased to the council for 999 years.

He said the field was advertised for sale with a local estate agent and nothing was mentioned about leasehold until the council started negotiations.

♦ At a previous meeting, Councillor Lovell stressed the importance of not having too long a lease for the allotments so that they could reconsider sporting and leisure use at some time in the future. Town clerk Mike Lewis confirmed that the leases would run until 2014 as did the lease for the pitch and putt course on the Strawberry Field.

Parade floodlights to cost £2,000

THE cost of putting up temporary lighting on the Marine Parade would be £2,000, town councillors have been told.

Most of the street lights on the Marine Parade are not working and some are beyond repair.

Following numerous complaints about the lack of lighting, Lyme Regis Town Council obtained a quote from the electricity board for temporary floodlighting until the regeneration of the Marine Parade shelters is completed.

Town clerk Mike Lewis told last week's full council meeting that the temporary lighting would cost £2,000 and it was agreed that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Policy Committee.

Work on the regeneration of the shelters is due to begin in September and should be completed by the summer of 2011.

The council has set aside £250,000 in reserves and are borrowing £500,00 to pay for the scheme.

Call for action on 'scruffy streets'

MORE complaints about street sweeping in Lyme Regis were made during the public forum session at Lyme Regis Town Council.

Regular attendee Derek Hallett referred to comments made in the *View from Lyme Regis* about the state of the streets, referring to one reader's experience in Silver Street.

Addressing his remarks to Councillor Daryl Turner, a member of West Dorset District Council, Mr Hallett said parts of the town were getting "really scruffy". "It needs sorting and sorting smartish," he said. "Some places have not seen a brush for months and years. It is your (WDDC) responsibility and I ask you to shake things up."

Councillor Turner said that if Mr Hallett gave him a list of places that needed attention he would "push it through".

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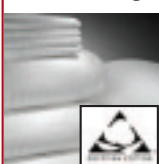
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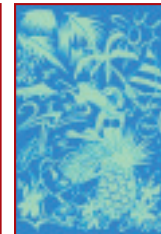
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Another good year for Guild

THE Lyme Regis Lifeboat dealt with 45 call-outs in 2009, an increase of 20 per cent on the previous year, which resulted in the saving of six lives, RNLI fundraisers were told last week.

Presenting the operational report for 2009 in the absence of operations manager Rob Fossett, who was attending an RNLI meeting, deputy launching authority John Dover told the annual meeting of the Lyme Regis and Charmouth RNLI Guild, held at Lyme Regis Golf Club, that the lifeboat had also gone to the assistance of 45 people.

"Unfortunately, and as always with great sadness, one person lost their life at sea off Lyme Regis during 2009," said Mr Dover.

Guild members heard that the station's Atlantic 75 class lifeboat had performed well during the year and the launch of the lifeboat by tractor and carriage was "very efficient" with launch times down to six or seven minutes

By Philip Evans

from the time the pagers to the lifeboat being afloat. Since the last Guild AGM, five new crew members had been recruited and trained.

He also reported that in October this year a RNLI coastal review would be carried out at the lifeboat station and it was anticipated at Lyme would be allocated a new Atlantic 85 lifeboat in 2012.

Mr Dover told the meeting that it was pleasing that local men and women still came forward to crew the town's lifeboat.

He continued: "What we are extremely pleased to see here at Lyme Regis Lifeboat station is our local teenagers such as John Gage, Grace Wadsworth, Ritchie Durrant and Ollie Rice joining the lifeboat crew.

"We hear and read of the small majority of youngsters around the country who lose direction for a number of reasons. Therefore, I think we should applaud and show our appreciation to John, Grace, Ritchie and Ollie for their commitment in volunteering their free time to help others and save life at sea."

Mr Dover's comments prompted a round of applause from the Guild members. His report concluded by thanking, on behalf of the crew, Guild members and lifeboat supporters who played their part in "saving lives at sea".

Guild chairman Rob Michael reported on another successful year with some record amounts being raised.

He said the Lyme Guild was lucky to have both a lifeboat station and shop on the seafront with visitors having to walk right past them, making the RNLI "very visible and well known".

He continued: "Here we have more people working on

the committee that some branches have members."

Mr Michael referred to the Lyme RNLI shop producing the best figures in the South West with manager Alix Fairley winning the coveted RNLI Supporter of the Year award. Mrs Fairley had now handed over to Brian Causley.

He also announced that secretary Carys Lowe had been awarded the RNLI bronze medal for fundraisers, concluding: "We are very lucky here in Lyme. It is the work that you all do that makes this Guild the success that it is."

Treasurer John Marsden reported a profit on the year of around £40,000 with half the income coming from Lifeboat Week. He said there were a lot of "unsung volunteers" and he was very grateful for their support.

Mr Marsden referred to over £2,000 being raised at the Charmouth Christmas Day swim and they were now looking forward to good weather for the 2010 Lifeboat Week which he hoped would attract lots of visitors to see the spectacular events.

New shop manager Brian Causley reported that turnover in 2009 had broken through the £100,000 mark due to the efforts of his predecessor, Alix Fairley, over the past two years. Income was up 19.7 per cent on the previous year and to date there was a 25 per cent increase year to date.

He paid tribute to the 43 shop volunteers, including 18 year-old Tomas Lowe. The best selling items was a £1.95 model lifeboat, although the sale of Christmas cards was a big earner with 6,000 being sold during three weeks in April.

Committee members elected were: Mrs Carys Lowe, Mrs Sylvia Marley, Mr John Marsden, Mr David Gallier, Mr Rob Michael, Mr Alan Vian, Mrs Janet Clayton, Mrs Jan Dover, Mr Peter Hampton, Mrs Gerry Hampton, Mr Brian Cursley, Mr Dennis Barker, Mrs Gwyneth Barker.

During any other business, members discussed ways of getting more young people interest in the RNLI.

After the business section of the meeting, Nick Bale gave an interesting presentation on the role of the Coastguard.

After the meeting a buffet was served by Jon Leeming, head chef at the Golf Club, and his staff.

Boat jumble raises funds for the lifeboat



■ LIFEBOAT Sea Safety Officers Richard Finch and Andy Truscott discuss sea safety with members of the public at the Lyme Regis Boat Jumble on Saturday

A BOAT Jumble at Lyme Regis was voted a great success by all who participated on Saturday.

The first to be held on the slipway, it enabled much recycling of unwanted boating paraphernalia and the morning also proved to be a great social event with many people pleased to meet others they hadn't seen for some time.

Organisers Lyme Regis Lifeboat Sea Safety Officers Richard Finch and Andy Truscott said: "We would like to thank all the Lifeboat supporters who helped. Most sellers sold more than they expected and it was a great opportunity for us to chat to boat owners regarding Sea Safety: it enabled us to book 'Sea Checks' with some of the boating fraternity.

"This is a free service offered by the RNLI to all boat owners which offers a friendly chat taking around half an hour. Everybody who has taken part always admits to having learnt something which could help them be safer at sea."

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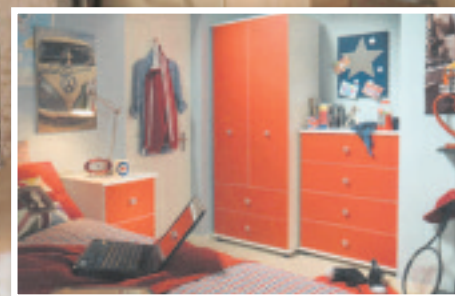
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Will Lyme join the row over new council offices?

THE row continues to rage throughout West Dorset over the district council's intention to build new £10.7 million offices, a decision supported by both of Lyme's district councillors, Daryl Turner and Pat Hicks.

Public meetings in Dorchester and Bridport, co-ordinated by Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate Sue Farrant, have both

come down unanimously against the move from High West Street in Dorchester.

There's been no public debate in Lyme Regis, other than a brief discussion at the March annual town meeting.

Such is the feeling in Dorchester that the town council spent £6,000 last week on a parish poll to get the view of the electorate. In a turnout of only 15.4

Lyme Matters

by Philip Evans



per cent, 2,004 people from the county town voted against the plan with just 156 being in favour.

The district council has dismissed the result as not being representative of the views of the people of West Dorset as a whole.

I'm not sure spending £6,000 of public money was value for money for Dorchester Town Council, but they were duty bound to carry out the wishes of their council taxpayers.

This is an issue that affects the whole district not just one town

Anyone who has vis-

ited the district council's Stratton House complex in High West Street will be aware they are far from ideal and the district officers claim moving to the new town centre site will bring about big benefits over the years, saving taxpayers £145,000 a year from day one.

The campaign against the new offices has also been dismissed as a political one and council leader Robert Gould and chief executive David Clarke refused to attend the two public meetings.

They have produced a leaflet explaining in detail why it makes sense to build new offices, in the form of a question and answer format, and say there has been sufficient public consultation.

Understandably, there is concern in Dorchester about what will happen to the Old Crown Court, built in the 1790s, which forms part of the council complex.

Other issues raised include the possible ultimate abolishing of the district council if Dorset ends up with a unitary authority.

The council say they have worked carefully

IT'S amazing just how many times you see Lyme Regis mentioned in the national headlines, sometimes in the most strangest of circumstances.

Two classic examples last week.

Google News revealed that among the ten most important things that the sheik who owns Manchester City Football Club wanted was to sign Fernando Torres from Liverpool - and spend a long weekend in Lyme Regis.

The Guardian website also revealed later in the week that the Turkish town in which our patron saint St George slew the dragon, Urgup, has chosen Lyme as a possible twin town because our town seal, dating back to 1284, contains a ship with the flag of St George on it.

How bizarre.

Arts and crafts idea for neglected seafront site?

A COUPLE of weeks ago in Lyme Matters I had a right old drip about the continuing state of the piece of land at the eastern end of the Marine Parade, fenced off by West Dorset District Council, and expressed the hope that it could be put to some more attractive use before the season gets underway.

I wrote that if the district council did not know what to do about it then perhaps the *View from Lyme Regis* readers could come up with some ideas.

I even offered a bottle of champagne for the best suggestion.

The site in question was strengthened as part of the stabilisation of the gardens following the demolishing of two private properties which were in a dangerous state.

Town councillor and manager of LymeNet Lucy Campbell, who is also a very talented jewellery maker, immediately got in touch to tell me that with the help of stone balancer Adrian Gray she had been trying to get permission from



WDDC to use the land for quite some time.

She told me: "We'd like to run an arts and craft market over the summer period, maybe one or two times a week, selling local, handmade quality goods."

She went on to explain that they had received "very little response" (surprise, surprise) and they now need to "up the ante".

Lucy has spoken to district councillor Daryl Turner to see if he could take the matter past the officers straight to his fellow councillors in the hope of getting permission.

I think it's an excellent idea and a bottle of bubbly is on its way to

Lucy. Local photographer Peter Wiles also responded to my article.

Whilst stressing that he had not consulted with anyone on his idea, he suggested that it could well be used as an "exciting space" for exhibiting sculpture, perhaps during Arts-Fest or in collaboration with the Woodroffe School as a project.

I had one other response from someone who wanted to remain anonymous who suggested that the stark concrete mass at the back of the site could be made into a wall garden (very popular in cities) with te rest of the site turned into a peaceful seating area.

EVENT OF THE WEEK

FOR me this was definitely the invitation I received from Dorset County Football Association to attend their awards night to receive a plaque recognising the contribution I have made to football in Lyme over the years.

Whilst I was delighted and proud to receive the award, especially in the 125th anniversary year of Lyme Regis FC, it did make me feel that my useful days are well and truly over.

The ten years I spent as chairman at the Davey Fort were among the most exhilarating of my life but we all have to be put out to grass sometime.



■ A WORKMAN replaces the street sign in Sherborne Lane on Friday morning

... and lo and behold, a new signs appears

IN last week's column I wrote about the state of the street sign at the top of Sherborne Lane and how it's rusty state had been reported to West Dorset District Council by the town council and the police.

I decided to do so after an irate resident called into our office to say she, too, had reported the sign, which had been ripped out of the tarmac and propped up against the wall, but "nothing had been done".

I telephoned the town council and the ever-helpful administration officer Victoria Strickler told me it was the responsibility of West Dorset District Council. That evening I had an email from district council Daryl Turner saying it was not a district responsibility but a county one and he would contact county councillor Colonel Geof-

fery Brierley. He added: "A simple mistake to make."

Lo and behold on Friday morning a workman turned up and cemented in a brand new sign.

I replied to Councillor Turner asking him to confirm that it was indeed a county responsibility so that I could correct this situation in this week's column.

He did not reply. So I double checked with Victoria and she said she would phone the district. They confirmed that it was their job and presumably they replaced the sign.

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The Medieval Market will open with the reading of the Charter by Town Crier, David Craner at 10.00am followed by the bells of St Mary's Church. The Market will include tradesman demonstrating old country crafts, various forms of livestock, Babylon Morris Dancers, Medieval dancing under the expert tutorial of Alison Symonds, greasy pole, the Dorset Army Cadets will patrol the Square acting as market marshall's and those found to be misbehaving will be placed in the stocks, come and see the old Beaminster Fire Engine, various stalls and strolling tradesman will be selling their wares – we are hoping to create a truly mediaeval atmosphere

There will be a children's fancy dress parade, fancy dress to be medieval or historic if possible

(but not essential). There are two classes 1) under 7 years and 2) 7 – 11 years, entries on the day please arrive in the Square by 2.45pm

The fancy dress parade will leave the Square at 3.00pm and head to the Memorial Playing Field for the start of the Charter Fair which is aimed to provide a family fun afternoon.

Entertainment includes maypole dancing, children's sports, bouncy castle, Junior Town Crier Competition, fairground rides, horse & cart rides, St Swithin's Band (kindly sponsored by A J Wakely & Son, Bridport), 20/20 Cricket, Teas (kindly provided by Clipper Teas), Dorset Army Cadets climbing wall, coconut shy and various other side shows, stalls and games of chance.

In the evening there will be a hog roast, licensed bar and live music entertainment.

It is still not too late to be part of this historic day - for further details contact Christine Bright at the Beaminster Town Council office (01308) 863634.



A Bouquet For Beaminster



Local musicians are paying tribute to the Town's history at a

concert in St Mary's Church on Saturday 1st May.

As a prelude to the 725th Anniversary Celebrations of Beaminster's Market Charter, professional and amateur musicians join forces in a miscellany of words and music, ranging from medieval chant and dance, through 18th century chamber music, 'West Gallery' music, solo and part songs, to a finale featuring the church's fine new Skrabl organ.

Two poems about Beaminster have been set to music. Nadine brummer's 'Imagine this – a Town' set by Peter Hope, and

William Barnes' 'Sweet Be'mi'ster' set by Brian Earl, will both be sung during the evening. Among the performers are Hilary Kenway, Antony Saunders, Jeffery Fraser, Con Brio, Beaminster Gallery Quire and Gentlemen's Relish.

'A Bouquet for Beaminster' begins at 7.30pm on Saturday 1st May. Tickets at £7.50 are available from the Yarn Barton Centre, the Church Office in Hogshill Street, from Ron Emmett (01308 868377) or at the door.

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A dedicated team of police officers and safety camera units are continuing to catch drivers and motorcyclists showing little regard for their or others' safety on Dorset's roads.

Since operations for the year-long partnership project began on January 18th, more than 5,300 motoring offences have been detected, including over 2,000 in the last month (ending April 18th).

Of these, around a third were drivers were not wearing a seatbelt or using their mobile phones while driving.

The 'No Excuse' team has now had several cases where drivers were spotted using their mobiles and, when stopped, produced a second mobile stating that "it hasn't been used."

So far, a total of 88 people have been caught with no insurance, no licence or no MOT, some of whom will have to reclaim their vehicles after they were seized.

There were also 10 offenders stopped for jumping red lights at road works and pedestrian crossings.

The 'No Excuse' team, a mixture of Dorset Police officers and Dorset Safety Camera Partnership operators, is committed to cracking down on bad and careless driving across Dorset throughout 2010, with the aim of significantly reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on Dorset's roads.

Chief Inspector Bob Nichols of Dorset Police Specialist Operations said: "The total of well over 5,000 offences detected by the team in the first three months of the operation underlines the need to improve driver behaviour on Dorset's roads.

"Each of these offences has the potential to lead to a tragic or more serious outcome in the event of a collision.

"The accounts behind some of those offences illustrate just how inconsiderate and dangerous some drivers are and we will continue to seek to identify those individuals through overt and covert techniques to make Dorset's roads safer for the majority of sensible and responsible drivers.

"If you are a driver who does intend to continue to commit offences, be aware that this project is due to be on the road for at least the next nine months, so if we haven't found you yet it may only be a matter of time."

A new series of poster and radio adverts for 'No Excuse' is also currently raising awareness about the consequences of dangerous driving across the county. They feature real-life members of Dorset's emergency and health services – an accident and emergency surgeon (Dr Rob Török), paramedic (Tracey Malloch) and fire fighter (Diane Critchlow) – who are regularly called on to respond to serious and fatal road casualties.

Their message is simple and straightforward: "We haven't met. Let's keep it that way."

Dorset County Council's road safety manager, Robert Smith, said: "The success of 'No Excuse' will be measured not only in a reduction in the number of people killed and seriously injured on Dorset's roads but a long-term reduction in the number of bad and careless driving offences reported by the police. We

are still seeing a significant number of drivers putting their own lives and those of others at risk by some very selfish behaviour. Just because something unpleasant didn't happen to you yesterday, or this morning, doesn't mean it won't happen the next time you drive off."

Council 'fed up of waiting'

LYME Regis town councillors are fed up with West Dorset District Council delaying the signing of agreements to finalise the ownership of the seafront.

The three local authorities – town, district and county council – have been locked in discussions for years over who is responsible for running the seafront.

A tripartite draft agreement has been drawn up by Dorset County Council for the three parties to sign pending receipt of a plan which is being prepared to the technical Services Division of West Dorset District Council.

But Councillor Sally Holman, chairman of the town council's Policy Committee, told colleagues at last week's full meeting that they had waited long enough for the district to prepare the document.

She asked district councillor Daryl Turner whether he could speed up the process, adding: "We have waited too long."

Councillor Turner responded that he had sent an e-mail

to the appropriate department two weeks ago but had not received a reply. It was now his intention to raise the matter with chief executive David Clarke.

It was also agreed that the town clerk, Mike Lewis, would write to Mr Clarke.

Under the terms of the agreement, the town council will take on responsibility for the public area outside the Bell Cliff as well as the Marine Parade, from the town end to the western barrier.

The county council will continue to be responsible for the old section of the Cart Road to the turning circle as it is a public highway. But the district council has ceded responsibility to the town council to manage the new section of the Cart Road as part of a deal in which the town council took over the running of the Marine Parade toilets with the district giving up the ownership of the closed toilets at each end of the shelters so that they could form part of the regeneration scheme.

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■ COUNCILLOR TURNER - talking it further?

New councillor told to sit down

NEWLY-appointed town councillor Daryl Turner clashed with the Mayor, Councillor Michaela Matters, over procedural matters at a meeting of Lyme Regis Town Council.

When Councillor Turner returned to the council chamber after a three-year absence he claimed that three members – the Mayor, Owen Lovell and Ann Bradbury – had contravened standing orders by being party to decisions made at a Three Cups meeting with Palmers Brewery without a mandate from the council.

He called on the mayor to investigate and she said she would look into it.

Councillor Turner tried to raise the issue again at last week's full council meeting under the agenda items of "urgent" items. But the Mayor told him that as far as she was concerned the matter was "dead".

She explained she had seen the minutes taken at the Palmers meeting and made amendments to these.

With Councillor Turner standing his ground, she told him bluntly: "I am standing and you should not to stand when the Mayor is standing. As far as I am concerned the matter is dead."

Councillor Turner replied: "I will have to take it further then."



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The Group's activities are centred on providing information about the illness, a Benefits Advisory Service, advice on Welfare Support and a range of social and other activities to encourage the rehabilitation of its members. A twice-yearly Newsletter is distributed to members and an Annual Medical Lecture is organised with speakers of national standing.

The Group operates a series of local "Link Groups", set up across the county, and immediately adjoining areas, to provide a focal point for CFS/ME sufferers and carers in their own localities.

If you require more information about the work of the Group and its activities, please contact our Group Administrator on 01305777670 or go to www.dmesg.org.uk

On Sunday May 9th there will be Open House and Gardens at Thistlegate House, Axminster Road, Charmouth, DT6 6BY, in aid of Dorset ME Support Group. There will be stalls, games and cream teas in the garden from 2.00 to 5.00pm. Admission £2.50 (50p for children and carers free).

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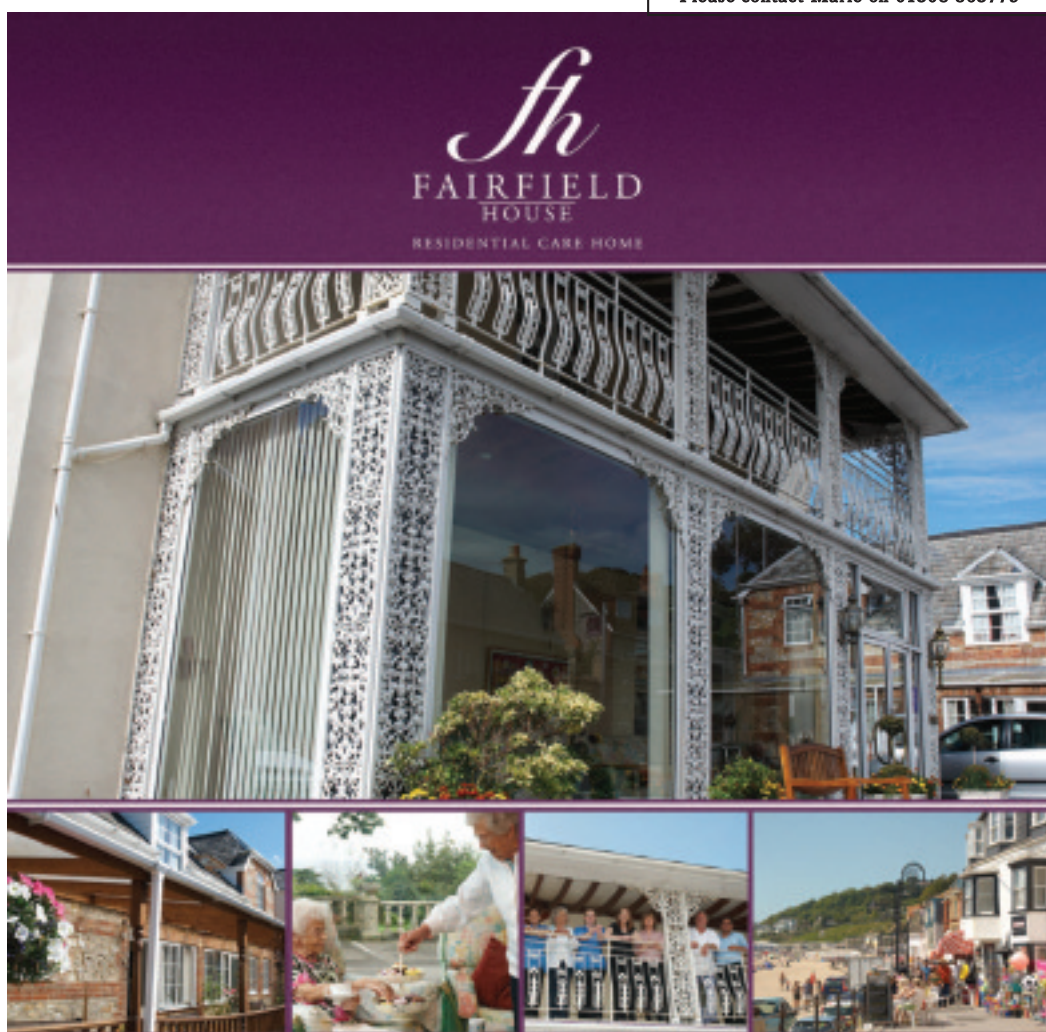
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been delightful and so welcome.

We have spent more time in the garden than in any April since I came here and the patio doors have remained open longer than they usually do in summer! Even our elderly lady cats have ventured out and lain in the

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Members were joined by pupils from the Colfox School, who entertained with poetry, music and helped with making Easter Bonnet's for a competition, this was followed by an afternoon Easter Bingo, which raised £185. In addition to regular Bingo afternoon, our members recently visited a Farm Shop and Angelica Kennard visited us for a "Sing-a-Long"

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'Sometimes being overweight creates real barriers to enjoying Summer activities, whether it is Parents' Race on Sports Day' or a holiday in the sun" said Celia, "and last but not least there is the your summer wardrobe.: Summer clothes can be short, brief and unforgiving, and

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With Lighterlife, Clients are really motivated because they see the weight coming off steadily, and the Lighterlife approach helps people to make lasting changes to their diet and ultimately their life' says Celia.

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Directions and map to the accommodation
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Driving Licences
Travel Insurance documents (including your EHIC card)
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Medication/Doctors note
Travel sickness remedies
Glasses/Contact lens and solutions
Camera
Sunglasses
Pen and paper
Flight socks
Phrase Book

We would also suggest that you take photocopies of all-important documents such as your passport, driving licence, etc and keep them separate from the originals.

SUITCASE

Toiletries
Plug adaptors
Sun creams and sun blocks
Swimwear
Beach towels (most accommodation does not supply beach towels)
Caps and hats
Clothes
Sandals, trainers and shoes
Lightweight jacket or jumper for the evenings
Insect repellent (spray or roll on, for the evenings)
Books for your holiday
Personal dietary requirements (e.g. do you only drink herbal tea, have sweeteners, etc)
First aid kit /vitamins /stomach upset, hangover remedies

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR HOME

Ensure your pets are looked after for the duration of your holiday
Cancel newspapers and milk
Activate your alarm
Leave a key with someone you can trust
Tell your neighbours you are going on holiday and to keep an eye out for you
Make sure anyone you give keys to knows how to work your alarm
Lock all doors and windows

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The facts on energy performance certificates

EPC'S came about as a result of the European Directive in the battle against climate change. Unfortunately due to the lack of understanding governing the process and the implementation that was put in place an EPC is regarded by various members of the public as being an unnecessary evil and just another piece of red tape that we could do without. This could be no further from the truth and hopefully I will be able to clarify some relevant questions and shine a more positive light on the issue.

For instance a residential EPC is valid from the date of issue for a period of ten years and at this point in time costs less than a colour television license which lasts for a period of one year? That is a very basic however simple fact but there is a lot more to it than just the cost.

An EPC actually brings out recommendations to assist the property owner in ways to save on fuel bills and at the same time contribute in the battle against climate change. The recommendations are

supported by new feed in tariffs which entitle the consumer to export generated renewable fuel back to the grid saving on costs and energy. With ever increasing fuel costs and the state of the current economy any means by which we can save money in the here and now has to be advantageous.

More immediate cost effective solutions like switching to low energy light bulbs, improving loft and wall insulation or upgrading a boiler system are all highlighted in the end result depending on the utility usage in individual properties.

There may be sceptics out there who condemn the entire climate change hype but even they are keen to save money.

Climate change is a fact and the EPC is a valuable tool in helping to reduce carbon emissions from buildings. Buildings are responsible for 50% of the release of CO2 emissions into the atmosphere. By applying the EPC process we are able to measure the performance of buildings and in doing so not only are we able to implement measures but we are also helping to change the way in which new buildings are designed and constructed to become environmentally friendly.

The EPC process is applicable to residential properties, commercial properties and public buildings owned by a local or government authority. In short just about any habitable building, with a number of exceptions, i.e. a place of worship, are suitable for an energy performance assessment by a qualified and accredited assessor. I would urge the public to ensure that the person performing the assessment is recognised by a governing body and that they perform a professional service. I would encourage the public to ask questions of the assessor regarding the resultant rating on a property and by what means they could improve to save money on fuel costs. The assessor is actually there to help.

The negative aspect of an EPC needs to be replaced by the positive and hopefully the public will realise the value of the process as we move ahead in the battle against climate change. After all saving money, energy, contributing to a cleaner environment and helping to create a better future for our children must surely be a good thing.



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The skating mini festival was held to mark Dorchester Skate Park's first anniversary and it felt like half of Dorchester were taking part in the celebrations.

With competitions held throughout the day, those that stopped to watch the action were given a display of the highest quality. Even the under 10's were

really going for it – particularly when there were some great prizes up for grabs.

All the local skateboard shops provided prizes, and Monster Energy Drink were there with their monster truck and their pro skateboard and BMX teams.

The BID's very own Phil and Dave caught some of the action – if you spot yourself let them know via the website www.dorchesterdorset.com



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tlieb, SRAM, Abus, Rockshox, Bontrager, Altura, Raleigh, Sigma, Cateye, Bell and Giro helmets, Camelbak, Avenir, Titec, Kryptonite and much, much more. Arriving this week is new range of running and cycling clothing from Ronhill plus new summer clothing and shoes from Bontrager plus a new range of Uvex Glasses.

We now have a large servicing department that you can view on our cycle floor. We can handle almost any repair to your

cycle and we pride ourselves on our quality of service, our friendly knowledgeable staff and the back up that we provide to our customers.

If you wish to explore our local lanes and are only visiting the area then why not hire one of our Hire bikes? We have a selection of Raleigh Metro hybrid bikes available at very reasonable rates.

Why not pop in and see what cycling and Dorchester Cycles can offer you?



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An extensive supply of bikinis, boardshorts and wetsuits are also in stock. In addition we stock skateboards, to suit a range of standards, with brand names Zoo York, Creature, Flip, Baker and Alien Workshop together with all the necessary accessories, including helmets, for skateboarders and BMX riders.

Please come and pay us a visit! Open 9.30 to 17.30 Monday to Saturday.



Built in 1635, this Grade II listed building is one of the oldest in the town and was the Abbot's residence. It has been a tea room since 1902 and has been superbly and sympathetically renovated by the current owners, Derek and Deborah Dalley, including the refurbishment of the old gas lamps which still work.

They also found a copy of the Abbot's Bible with a 15th century cover over a 12th century manuscript, lodged up the main chimney.

Derek is a chef and prepares most of the food which he tries to source from local farms and producers in the country. All of the cakes and scones are baked fresh every morning, and they serve good, hearty breakfasts from 7.30am to 10.00am.

As well as the traditional 'cream teas' there is always homemade soup of the day, a wide selection of sandwiches and hot baguettes and a daily 'specials' board.

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The New Curiosity Shop is proud to offer its customers "inspirational gifts, jewellery and furniture", a claim which is delivered on all counts, with quality items that you will be proud to own and show to your friends and family.

Coeur de Lion is a world-renowned jewellery range, famous for its cubed collection of necklaces, bracelets and earrings. The Spring/Summer collection is now in-store. For the guys they also feature Fred Bennett for men, a modern range of silver and stainless steel pendants, bracelets and rings; as well as the Simon Carter iconic British collection that includes contemporary style cufflinks, wallets, pens, bags and coming soon retro style watches.

You will also discover some unusual items which are certain to become must have items in the near future such as Reisenthel's chic shopping baskets and bags. These are flawless in design and versatile for shopping in style about town or at the local market.

Sarah Hough creates contemporary paper goods on 100% recycled paper. She is proud that her stationery is both designed and printed in Dorset. This range is available through The New Curiosity Shop along side rustic hand made furniture made from reclaimed timber and metal in the designers Dorset workshop. These are beautiful, functional and unique pieces of furniture including bespoke mirrors, coffee tables, display units and wine racks. Continuing the home and interior theme, a Dorset based award winning photographer shows atmospheric photographs of Dorset coast and landscapes through the shop. These are sold as stunning signed mounted prints ready to be framed.

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There's alot happening at the Dorset County Museum



There's a lot happening at Dorset County Museum over the next few weeks. On Thursday 29 April at 1pm, students from Thomas Hardy school are performing a free concert. The seven students involved are all working towards their final music A level examinations and are taking the opportunity to practice their classical repertoire in front of a real audience.

On 1 May a new exhibition opens at the Museum. Entitled Alice Kettle: Allegory it features the work of artist Alice Kettle and her dramatic, contemporary embroidery. Many of her pieces are large in scale and some are three-dimensional. Alice uses both a monochrome palette and a range of more vibrant colours in her work to great effect. Entry to the exhibition is free and many of the works are for sale. The exhibition runs until 26 June. For fans of Thomas Hardy, there is a unique opportunity on Thursday 13 May to hear a rehearsed read-through of a brand new play (yet to be performed) by playwright Peter John Cooper. She Opened the Door takes place on an autumn evening in the garden of Max Gate, the Dorchester home of Thomas Hardy. The play weaves together real and imaginary women from Hardy's life and at the end the actors and creative team will answer

questions from the audience. This event would be ideal for lovers of Hardy together with students of his work and those interested in the process of creating brand new drama for the stage. Tickets are £5 from the Museum and the reading starts at 7.00pm.

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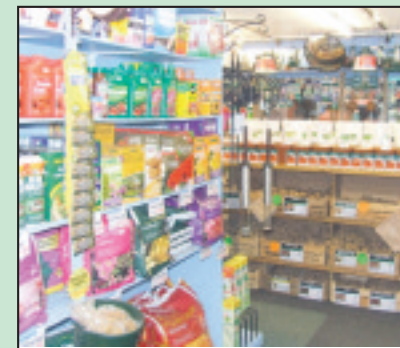
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He was defeated by the King's army in less than a month. Around 1300 were taken prisoner. Five Judges came to Dorchester with the infamous Judge Jeffreys, whose reputation was that of the 'hanging judge'.

In September 1685, 312 cases were heard in the Oakroom at the rear of the Antelope Hotel; of these 292 were sentenced to death. Only 74 were executed, with 175 transported, 9 were fined or whipped and 54 were discharged.

Judge Jeffreys – having his eye on promotion – was later made Lord Chancellor.

When King James fell and William of Orange landed in Torbay, Jeffreys was captured and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He died in 1689 while awaiting trial, probably of natural causes.



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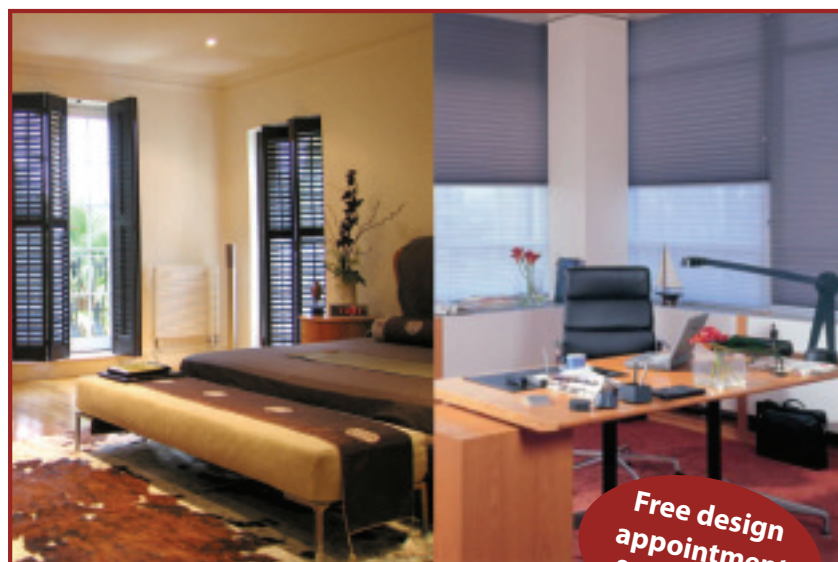
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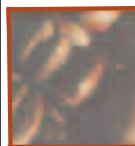
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View 2 Music

A beginner's guide to the opera (or perhaps not!)

THE idea of the pop artist moving into the classical field is not a new one. Off the top of my head I can think of Paul McCartney (who has released a further three classical albums since his initial foray in 1991, *Liverpool Oratorio*) and Elvis Costello (who followed in Paul's footsteps with *Il Sogno* in 2004). I'm sure if I thought about it a little longer I could come up with a few more.

But moving from pop to opera - that most highbrow of musical genres - well, that's an altogether different proposition. The likes of Charlotte Church might have moved in the opposite direction, but she never actually wrote an opera to my knowledge!

Roger Waters, the self-styled genius of Pink Floyd, tried his hand with *Ça Ira*, based on the story of the French Revolution. A well received, unsurprisingly overblown piece - with over 500 artists involved in the 2006 Polish production - it might have been an opera but nevertheless had Waters' trademark all over it.

But of all the other great songwriters in that all-encompassing oeuvre called 'pop', perhaps one of the most likely candidates to try their hand at opera was always going to be Rufus Wainwright.

A singer-songwriter in the Elton John tradition, Rufus is known for his 'popera' style which seemed to make his progression to full-blown opera a matter of 'when' and not 'if'. His affecting, personal style of writing often invokes the themes of tragedy associated with opera.

In fact, the story of his life so far could make a great opera; his difficult relationship with his father (singer-songwriter Loudon Wainwright III), the death of his loving mother (singer-songwriter Kate McGarrigle) and the playful rivalry between him and his sister (singer-songwriter Martha Wainwright).

Add in Rufus' addiction to crystal meth in the early 2000s, as well as the ups and downs of his musical family, and you've got yourself a great story.

Yet, I digress. Rufus has written an opera but it's not about himself. *Prima Donna* originally opened in Manchester last year and recently finished its first (and possibly last) run in London. I went to Sadler's Wells in Islington for the final of the four scheduled performances in the capital.

I've never been to the opera before and it says a lot about my tastes in music that the first time I go it's because the piece carries the name of someone not associated with the genre.

Although I could wax lyrical about any rock concert you could throw at me, reviewing an opera... well, I don't know where to start. To be honest, at times I wished that that I could mute the singers and just listen to the orchestra (the Royal Ballet Sinfonia) but I just put that down to being an opera philistine.

It wasn't until the resumption after the interval that I realised that *Prima Donna* - by opera standards - might not actually be any good. A number of people sat near me did not return to their seats and I wasn't entirely sure why. I'm sure my feet weren't particularly smelly, and was positive I hadn't done anything to upset anyone's operatic sensibilities!

Yes, the story was rather non-existent (an ageing opera singer - possibly inspired by Maria Callas - anxiously prepares for her comeback in 1970s Paris, falls in love with a journalist, has her heart broken, calls off comeback) but I'd been warned that operas are never renowned for the plot lines anyway.

The main performers, including celebrated Scottish soprano and Covent Garden regular Janis Kelly, all sang with the level of passion and gusto you'd expect.

So what was wrong with it? Well, you'd need to ask an opera expert, not a novice, for the answer to that. But the newspapers confirmed my fears that this was not a well received piece.

"After many minutes of cumulative bathos, you long for something to happen - anything," bemoaned Fiona Maddocks in *The Observer*. I agree things were a little slow, but I thought that was the norm.

I did notice there weren't any gripping arias - something that you'd expect from any opera, surely? - to make the evening go a little faster. But

did I think it "at best banal, at worst boring" (Lynne Walker, *The Independent*)? That, perhaps, is a little harsh.

But if the libretto hadn't been written in French, I do think the whole thing would have been laughable (an opera in English is not on my list of things to see before I die).

Has it encouraged me to return to the opera? Well, if it was Rufus' intention to introduce a new, younger generation to the genre, I'm not sure it's worked.

I think if I did go again, I'll give the modern stuff a miss, head to the Royal Opera House and hope something like *Tosca* or *Don Giovanni* is on instead.

by James Coles



FROM POP TO OPERA | Rufus Wainwright's *Prima Donna* has just made its London debut

Robyn to rock at Fossil Festival

THE Lyme Regis Fossil Festival 2010 is pleased to announce that surrealist singer-songwriter and guitarist, Robyn Hitchcock, will headline the festival with a performance in the Marine Theatre on the evening of Saturday, May 1st.

To his many fans and followers, Robyn's musical talent and abilities as singer, musician and lyricist need no introduction. He has worked with, inspired and captivated people with an edgy, often bizarre and challenging but consistently brilliant catalogue of work that spans almost 35 years. Now one of England's veteran cult figures, he has been filmed by Jonathan Demme and worked alongside the greats that those decades produced, such as Elvis Costello, REM, Nick Lowe, John Paul Jones and Gillian Welch to name but a few.

To compliment the theme of the Festival, which this year is 'Dead ... And Alive!', his unique repertoire for the evening will include songs about insects and marine life, including a trilobite song. Robyn acknowledges that much of his work has been inspired by the natural environment. He lived for a while on the Isle of Wight and his sister, Lal Hitchcock, the artist, lives on the Jurassic Coast, where, he says "We get together and feed the plesiosaurs".

However, there is another more recent influence on his work inspired by his involvement with the Cape Farewell project. Robyn was one of the 40 international artists, journalists and scientists who joined the 2008 Disko Bay Expedition to Greenland in September 2008.

The Arctic is an incredible place for artistic inspiration and by literally sailing into the heart of the climate debate, the Expedition was an attempt to draw people's attention to this climatic tipping point.

Robyn wrote in his blog during the expedition:

'Slugs leave trails, sheep leave droppings, bees make honey, and humans leave two things: art and garbage. Where these meet is called entertainment. I am an entertainer.'

'As the scientists aboard research the effects of ice-melt on the ocean bed, and trace the possible mutation of the Gulf-stream through salination tests, we artists are being exposed to a landscape that cannot fail to affect our work.'

Also on the Cape Farewell Expedition was KT Tunstall, Brit Award winner for Best British Female Solo Artist. "KT Tunstall and I both wrote songs on the voyage. They are our response to what we experienced, even if they aren't the eco-anthems that the world urgently needs."

Before his 8.30pm solo show, at 5.30 pm (£3), Cape Farewell founder David Buckland will present their BBC film 'Art from a Changing Arctic', and afterwards will answer questions, along with Simon Boxall from the National Oceanography Centre and Alex Hartley, whose 'Nowhere Island' project won the Region's Artists Taking the Lead award and is part of the South West Cultural Olympiad.

Tickets (£12) are available from the www.marinetheatre.com or from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre telephone 01297 442138. Visit the website at www.fossilfestival.com



CULT ICON | Robyn Hitchcock will play at the Marine Theatre

Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

IT is not only the countryside that comes back to life in the spring; poets do so too. Here are two new poems sent in by readers living in the Dorchester area. The first one was written by Frank Whillock after seeing again the annual display of snowdrops at Compton Valance.

Snowdrops in Compton Lane

Walking along the country lane,
Ravaged by winter's snow and rain,
Through bare trees tracery the sun shone bright
On the banks of snowdrops, carpet white.

Gentle flower, whose strong back pushes
Through the debris 'neath the bushes,
Each one bowed in welcoming
The long-awaited birth of spring.

On either side along the banks
The white massed choir was giving thanks
For rising again into the light
And giving me this wondrous sight.

But lo! A clump in lonely state
Has settled by the meadow gate.
But where e'er they are they will appear
And grace the scene again next year.

Our second verse was submitted by Sammy Michael Davis.

The Piddle Valley in the Spring

Changing skies and changing colour
Over wide-flung upland ways,
Here a flush of luscious amber,
There a mist of tender greys,
And the stream a line of silver
Shimmers through the springtime haze.
Far above, the fair fields mingle
With the tender hue of sky,
Far below the little shadows
Cool in green recesses lie,
Bend the tall reeds lush and slender
To the waters gliding by.

Here is space as wide and boundless as the
rolling sea,
Where the wild winds roam unfettered
In their playful ecstasy,
And the sun's rays fall unsullied
Through the pure air full and free
Winds the road, a sheening ribbon,
Through the meads and up the hills,
Over bridges quaint and olden
By farms and a water mill
Lost at last in trembling blueness
That the eye with glory fills.

To those of you who write in, I would like to thank you for your kind remarks and your verses. Please keep your contributions coming but please try to keep your poems short enough for

White Helmets to head this year's Melplash Show

THE White Helmets, the Royal Signals Motorcycle Display Team are the main attraction at this year's Melplash Show to be held at the West Bay Show Ground on Thursday August 26th.

Acknowledged as the oldest, best known and most accomplished motorcycle display team in the country if not the world, the team consist of 30 volunteers who tour the UK from April to September every year.

The other main ring attraction is the Rockwood Dog Display Team. Their display includes some spectacular stunts such as tight rope walking, fire retrieving, hoop jumping and a unique backwards recall, which needs to be seen to be believed!

Arrangements for this year's show are well in hand with the livestock, equine, horticultural, floral and handicraft competitions planned. Schedules will be available shortly from the Show office, where it is the intention this year to make the schedules and application forms available on the Show website www.melplashshow.co.uk.

This year there are two exciting new cooking competitions, open to all amateur cooks, young and old.

'Best Curry', sponsored by the Bridport Taj Mahal and Sea Spring Seeds, West Bexington, and 'Best Fish Cake' sponsored by the Riverside Restaurant, West Bay, a follow on from their very successful fish soup competition last year.

To keep with the cooking theme, Valentine Warner will be a celebrity guest at the show. He grew up on a farm in Dorset and remembers with affection visiting the Melplash Show in his youth. He is now better known for his cookery skills following his successful BBC Two series, 'What to Eat Now'.

The Melplash Show will be once again running their 'Best Farm' competition which is open to all local farms, small, medium and large.

Prizes are given to the best large, medium and small farm, under the three categories of The categories include Best Farm, Best Ley and Best Conservation.

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Best Ley - quality of young grass sown in last two to three years

Best Conservation - whether the farm demonstrates a good track record of environmental best practice alongside the commercial farm business eg development of natural features on the farm, hedgerows, tree planting, ponds, provision of unproductive areas for wildlife, care of indigenous plants, insects, birds, etc.

The popular Flock competition which is open to any local small holding or farmer who keeps sheep will be run again with the usual categories: over 300 ewes, 51-300 ewes and 15-20 ewes. The judge, among other things, will be looking for good husbandry and profitability.

Entry forms are available now, and judging will take place in mid June.

As well as the classes on the day to find the best locally grown vegetables and flowers, the Agricultural Society's Gardens competition provides all local gardeners, whether small, medium or large, the opportunity to get their hard work in the garden recognised. Applications forms are available now and judging will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday June 15th and 16th.

Any further information about this year's Show can be obtained from the Show Secretary, Anita Ford details at the show office 23, South Street or on 01308 423337 or by e-mail secretary@melplashshow.co.uk

us to use (not more than about 24 lines).

The third springtime poem is by Philip Larkin. We know Larkin is *not* one of our readers because he died 25 years ago, but Larkin and I both lived in Hull in the 1940s and we were both fans of Dorset's own Thomas Hardy and both lovers of American Jazz.

The Trees

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too.
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: 'Poetry for Pleasure', Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedia@pemedia.co.uk

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'VARIETY in the Palace' on Saturday, April 30th is a fabulous family show that will be performing at the Electric Palace for one night only before it heads to London's Roundhouse for 5 nights, to play alongside circus greats such as Gerry Cottle and Trash City!

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VARIETY in the Palace will feature ten skilful performers

Wyld makes 'A Bed Among Lentils'

ACTRESS Jan Wyld is the shining star of Churchill Productions, and performed at the Electric Palace last year in Jim Cartwright's 'Two'. Wyld is returning to the Palace for a solo performance of Alan Bennett's 'A Bed Among The Lentils' on Saturday, May 1st.

Written by Bennett for TV as part of his prolific 'Talking Heads' series for the BBC, the part of Susan, a provincial vicar's wife, was made famous by Dame Maggie Smith in her television performance in 1989 and again on stage in 1996.

The challenge to perform a character such as Susan allows Wyld to fulfil her true acting potential in a 45 minute solo performance. Wyld takes what Smith created twenty years ago and adds her own edge to make the role truly her own.

As Susan, she is a woman let down by life and God. Her secret fondness for altar wine and a young Indian grocer with good legs and teeth relieves the tedium of days among sanctimonious parish matrons where flower ar-

ranging ranks as a competitive sport. "One sees them so often in England, those women," she says. "You know them automatically."

Playwright Alan Bennett, perhaps most famous as the primary author of the sixties revue "Beyond the Fringe," shows as much sense of comic irony here as he does in that landmark production, and just as much precision with language.

Behind the smart remarks, quips, and self-deprecation is an immense sadness, and when portrayed by a versatile actress such as Jan Wyld, Susan becomes a character of sympathy as well as comic irony. As she explores life with Ramesh but continues to fulfill her role as Mrs. Vicar, the audience sees that despite her frustration Susan is at heart a vicar's wife. Filled with satirical observations and powerful emotions, this brilliant monologue portrays a life both comic and tragic.

Jan Wyld will perform A Bed Among The Lentils at the Electric Palace on Saturday, May 1st at 8pm. The play is only 45 minutes allowing the audience to continue evening plans after the show. Tickets are just £6 and are available from Bridport TIC on 01308 424901.



THE Lyme Bay Chorale group which is set to perform at St Michael's Church on Saturday, May 8th
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Shock exits for Corrie favourites

TWO of Coronation Street's most popular characters, Ashley and Claire Peacock, are to be written out of the long-running soap by the end of the year.

Actors Steven Arnold and Julia Howarth are said to be "fuming" and "shocked" by the decision, which follows talks with the show's new producer Phil Collinson.

In a statement Phil said: "Ashley and Clare Peacock have been part of the fabric of Weatherfield for many years but like any community, people come and go. Both actors and myself felt that we had reached a crossroads with the characters, to the point that as actors they were not being fulfilled and stories were harder to find."

"We mutually decided to start working towards an exit for the Peacock family, giving the actors the chance to explore new opportunities and for us to devise a dramatic exit storyline. I wish Steven and Julia, and of course the young boys who play Josh and Freddie, all the best for the future."

The decision is reported to be mutual, although there are rumours the two actors initially approached the new producer to ask for meatier storylines.

An ITV spokesperson said: "Julia and Steven are to leave the show but contrary to some press reports, there has been no confrontation with the show producer Phil Collinson. All parties agreed this was the right time to say goodbye to the street's Peacock family."

GRUMPY Adrian Chiles' shock decision to defect to TV has sparked speculation about major changes that will be made at the channel.

The four-year deal, worth £6million, comes following the BBC's decision to bring in Chris Evans for the Friday editions of The One Show.

After five years, presenter Ben Shephard has resigned from his role as GMTV host. A statement released this week read: "Ben's two-year contract with GMTV is up at the end of April. Earlier this year, his management made it clear that he would not be renewing it, but would be happy to stay on temporarily during this transitional period."

"Ben is excited about moving on after ten incredible years and will be focusing on a number of new projects with ITV and other channels."

OVER 40 British stars have signed a letter asking voters to save the BBC.

Artists including Catherine Tate, John Barrowman, Meera Syal, Stephen Merchant and Eddie Izzard are urging voters to consider the consequences of voting for certain political parties on election day in order to save the "most important cultural organisation in Britain and an indispensable part of our society".

The letter in The Observer concerns a threat by the Conservative shadow culture secretary Jeremy Hunt to disband the BBC's governing body, the BBC Trust, and cut the licence fee. The letter also claims opposition politicians have a "cavalier attitude towards the BBC's independence".

by Philip Evans

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE
The Peacock's are to be written out



CHANGING SIDES
Chiles' defection could affect major changes at ITV



SAVE THE BBC
Eddie Izzard and co are looking for voters' help to save the Beeb



"MUSEUMS AT NIGHT" TO LIGHT UP DORCHESTER

"MUSEUMS at Night" is coming to Dorchester in a big way on Saturday May 15th.

The historic county town of Dorset boasts no fewer than six superb museums and this event will see all six museums open from 5pm to 9pm. Added to that there is a special ticket for that evening only of just £6 for admission to all six museums.

Dorchester has a cornucopia of museums to surprise and delight any visitor. They focus on a fantastic range of topics and themes from Romans to Tutankhamun, from teddy bears to Thomas Hardy, from Dorset's military history to the terracotta army, and from dinosaurs to Dorchester's history.

Museums at Night promises to be a very special night offering families and individuals an unrivalled opportunity to explore and discover.

Dorchester is just seven miles from the Jurassic Coast and the award winning Dinosaur Museum with its Jurassic Dinosaurs Trail is a treat for children. There are hands on and multimedia displays, together with fossils, prehistoric skeletons and life-size dinosaur reconstructions.

The Jurassic theme continues in Dorset County Museum's Jurassic Coast Gallery. This award winning museum has a Victorian Hall, Roman mosaics, and Thomas Hardy's study. Six thousand years of Dorchester's history are presented, combined with displays on

Maiden Castle and Dorset Archaeology. Add to this interactives, museum trails and audio guides.

The Tutankhamun Exhibition pulls all the various strands of this fascinating tale together. This internationally renowned exhibition superbly recreates the world's greatest discovery of ancient treasure - Tutankhamun's tomb, treasures and mummy.

The Keep Military Museum is a modern military museum that uses interactive computers and creative displays to tell the stories of courage, humour, tradition and sacrifice of those who served in the regiments of Devon and Dorset for over 300 years.

In the Teddy Bear Museum, marvel at the evocative and atmospheric displays of the history of the teddy bear featuring examples from the very earliest up to the present day. The museum is set in the 'home' of Edward Bear and his extended family of human sized teddy bears.

Finally a real gem of a museum is The Terracotta Warriors Museum. It is the only museum devoted to the terracotta warriors - now regarded as the 8th Wonder of the Ancient World - outside of China. See unique museum replicas of the terracotta warriors from China, plus reconstructions of costumes and armour and multimedia presentations.

'The Voice of Roy Orbison' comes to Bridport

IT is hard to believe that it is now 21 years since Roy Orbison died. To mark this occasion 'Walk Right Back Ltd' presents a special anniversary show at The Electric Palace Theatre, Bridport on May 6th at 7.30pm featuring the best loved hits of the man in dark glasses known as 'The Big O' together with support from two hugely successful artists of this era, The Everly Brothers and Buddy Holly.

From his first hit 'Ooby Dooby' in 1956 until his death, in the words of Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison was simply 'The greatest singer in the world'. His career spanned four decades with hits 'Only the Lonely', 'Running Scared', 'Crying', 'Dream Baby', 'In Dreams' and 'It's Over' which was his first UK No. 1. Then came the biggest selling record of his career 'Oh, Pretty Woman' which saw sales of 7 million records.

Roy Orbison was a true balladeer, with his hauntingly beautiful songs. The 1980's saw a new era of success for Roy with hits such as 'You Got It', 'I Drove All Night' and a remake of the track 'Crying' with KD Lang. He was also in a hugely successful collaboration called 'The Traveling Wilburys' alongside Tom Petty, Bob Dylan and George Harrison. In 1987 he was inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Damien Edwards is undoubtedly the UK's number one tribute artist to Roy Orbison having played Roy, to great acclaim, in Bill Kenwright's 'The official Roy Orbison story' four times between 2000 and 2004 and Orbison in the productions 'Four Steps to Heaven' and more recently in 2008's 'The Concert They Never Gave'. From the growl of pretty woman to the soaring falsetto of 'It's Over', his vocal talent is no less than exceptional.

With support from Tim Harwood from the West End as Buddy Holly and the internationally acclaimed Everly Experience, their moving and accurate portrayals to these icons have seen them appear at The London Palladium to The Edinburgh Playhouse and across Europe. Hear all of your favourite hits spanning these incredible decades of music: 'Only the Lonely', 'Wake Up Little Suzie', 'Peggy Sue', 'Pretty Woman', 'Cathy's Clown', 'Rave On'... in over 2 hours of non stop hits! Together with live backing band 'The Rockets', they will have you singing your most loved tunes, stomping your feet and shouting for more.

'The Voice of Roy Orbison' is appearing at The Electric Palace Theatre, South St, Bridport on Thursday May 6th at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £15 and £13 (Electric Palace Members) and are available in person at Bridport Tourist Information or from the Box Office on 01308 424901.

Museums at Night brings all this together for you to explore and experience. Six museums for just £6 and that applies whether you are an individual, a couple or a family of up to 2 adults and 4 children!

For those who want to relax with a drink and a bite to eat on the evening, several cafes, restaurants and pubs in the centre of Dorchester are linking in with Museums at Night by having special offers for those on the museum trail. So far those involved are Char Chars, Costa Coffee, The Horse with the Red Umbrella, Jagos, The Kings Arms, Siam Corner and Taste.

All museums and eateries are in the centre of Dorchester within easy walking distance. Advance tickets are on sale from any of the museums involved or the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre.



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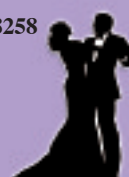
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Downey jr returns
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Fearing the information will slip into the wrong hands, Stark makes alliances with Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow) and James "Rhodey" Rhodes (Don Cheadle), to confront new forces.

The film is the second in an expected trilogy.

Released Friday, April 30th with previews at selected cinemas on Thursday, April 29th



IRON WILL | Robert Downey Junior returns for the second of an expected trilogy of films

TWO ex-convicts kidnap a young woman in British thriller "The Disappearance of Alice Creed" (18).

Danny and Vic, played by Martin Compston and Eddie Marsan, hope to receive a huge ransom for Alice, played by Gemma Arterton, who is the daughter of a rich businessman.

At first, Alice is terrified but she soon makes it clear she won't be used to make them money without a fight and the kidnappers' foolproof plan descends into a fight for survival.

Released Friday, April 30th

COMING of age drama "The Last Song" (PG) stars American pop princess Miley Cyrus as 17-year-old rebel Ronnie Miller.

Based on the Nicholas Sparks novel of the same name, the film follows Ronnie as she is sent to spend summer with her estranged father, who she hasn't spoken to since her parents' divorce.

A former piano prodigy, Ronnie now refuses to touch the instrument or attend a prestigious music college, much to her father's dismay. But all is about to change over summer, as Ronnie falls in love with the popular, handsome Will Blakelee, played by Liam Hemsworth, and reconnects with her father through the one thing they have in common – music.

Released Friday, April 30th

by Francesca Evans



THE LAST SONG | Miley Cyrus stars as rebellious piano prodigy Ronnie Miller

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The Last Song (PG)

Daily: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.25

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Corsets and Crinolines at Fashion Show

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Corsets 'n' Crinolines begins at 7.30pm on Saturday May 1st, at the United Church Hall in Bridport and is being put on by Theresa Weller and her team of young men and women. The show is in support of the charity 'Help for Heroes'. Tickets can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre in South Street, Bridport.

Another great Piano
Concert in Whitchurch

PROFESSOR Patsy Toh of the Royal Academy of Music will be giving a concert on Saturday, May 1st at The Church of St Candida, Whitchurch Canonichorum. Patsy was born in Shanghai, China. In 1948, at the age of 8, she won first prize in the Hong Kong Music Competition. In 1952 at the age of 12 Patsy came to boarding school in England and at 16 entered the Royal Academy of Music. While still a student she won the Royal Overseas League Competition in London. Patsy Toh was awarded a Scholarship to study with the renowned French pianist Yvonne Lefebure at the Paris Conservatoire, where she won a Premier Prix. She also studied with Alfred Cortot, Dame Myra Hess and Aube Tzerko (a pupil of Artur Schnabel).

Patsy has performed often in Europe, China and the Americas. She has served as a Professor of Piano at the Royal Academy of Music and has taught at Purcell and Yehudi Menuhin Schools. Besides solo performances, she has collaborated with many string players and instrumentalists in festivals which include Aspen, Prussia Cove, Aldeburgh and Gubbio. She was recently made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music. She is married to the internationally-acclaimed concert pianist Fou Ts'ong and lives in London.

Patsy's programme for this event will include pieces by Schumann - Waldenscenen and Obegg variations, and Chopin - b flat Schertzo, 4 Mazurkas, Fantasia op49.

All concerts start at 7.30 pm, tickets cost £7 each and are available on the door. Refreshments are provided, and do bring a cushion - the pews are hard! For more details contact Cynthia Bain 01298 489629.

The Royal Manor
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Coward's *Blithe Spirit*

AFTER the Royal Manor Theatre's successful revival of 'Educating Rita' in March this year, rehearsals are going apace for 'Blithe Spirit' by Noel Coward, which was first performed in the Portland theatre in 1982. Interestingly, Beryl Clifton who is directing this production, starred in that 1982 show as Madame Arcati.

This sophisticated comedy was first performed at the Opera House, Manchester in 1941 prior to a London run. Now you have the opportunity to enjoy this play, which runs from Monday 17th to Saturday, May 22nd inclusive. Doors open at 7.00pm, with the show beginning at 7.30pm each evening.

Tickets cost £8 for Adults, £7 for Seniors and £4 for Children. Tickets will be available from R.T Cards in Easton on Portland, or Danny's in Fortuneswell Portland from the 10th May. Advance reservations may also be made via the box office on: 01305 860792. Or, book on-line right now, at: www.rmtcpportland.co.uk.

Forthcoming productions include 'The Memory of Water' in early September, and the Dorset Corset Theatre Company with 'Frankenstein, the year without a summer' on Friday 8th October. Then, in December, it'll be panto time where Cinderella will entertain you.

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Stackridge to play at the Woodmead Halls with special Canadian support

QUIRKY, Eccentric, Eclectic! *Stackridge* are the West Country's answer to the Bonzo's. They were the opening band at the first Glastonbury Festival, and were then produced by Beatles mentor, Sir George Martin. They are set to headline the May 'Legends Return' show at Lyme Regis' Woodmead Halls on Saturday (May 1st).

Still retaining their unique mix of charm and intelligence, their new album, *A Victory for Common Sense*, sees them sounding as fresh and contemporary as bands half their age. Strange and wonderful, this collection of songs emphasises their talent for writing memorable melodies and playful, poignant lyrics, and hailed as being among the most significant releases of the decade.

A full supporting show comes from Canadian and rocky power pop band *Mosquito-B*, on their first ever

UK Tour. This band is tipped to top the world, catch them now, this is probably the last chance to see them live in Lyme Regis. On home ground they play to packed audiences, including radio and television, across Canada and the USA. New album featured in UK shows: 'Killing Mars' Mosquito-B is not a support band, this gig is a Double-Header!

Tickets are on sale at the Tourist Information Centre, 01297 442138 and by PayPal at this page on our website: <http://www.lymeregis.tv/legends.html>

For updates on shows and support acts, join the Facebook page: *Legends Return to Lyme Regis*

If you would like to be in line for one of the 'Legends' forthcoming Free Tickets Competitions, join the 'Legends' Mailing List, by sending an email to: legendsreturn@live.co.uk

Craft, food and plant fair at Kingston Maurward

ON Sunday, May 9th, Kingston Maurward College, one mile East of Dorchester on the A35, will play host to the 7th Annual Plant, Craft and

Food Fair. With the entrance price including the formal gardens and animal park, it makes for a fantastic family day out. Whilst the keen garden-

ers will be happy mooching around the plant stands, there will also be a fabulous selection of craft and food stands to browse. Buy a

special gift or treat yourself. Plus refreshments will be available all day with hot food available all day including a hog roast stand.

Admission to the fair will cost adults just £2.50 and seniors £1.50. Remember this includes entry to the Gardens and Animal Park for the day, making it half price on the normal entry charges.

Why not pop along and browse the stalls, wonder aimlessly around the gardens, meet the animals and enjoy a hog roast roll for your lunch with a pint from the Piddle Brewery. Sounds like a pretty perfect day to me!

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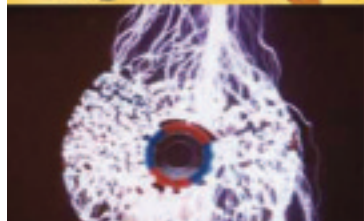
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BRIDPORT: Allington Strings Spring Concert/Vivaldi 4 Seasons from 7.30pm at St John's Church, West Bay. Telephone 01308 455617 for more details.
MUSBURY: Musbury Show PlantSale at Musbury Village Hall from 9.30am - 12noon. Telephone 01297 551556.

SUNDAY MAY 2nd

PUDDLETOWN: Dorset Plant Heritage Plant Sale at Athelhampton House near Puddletown. Specialist nurseries, free parking, refreshments, an opportunity to look round the lovely Grade 1 listed gardens and to buy rare/unusual plants! Admission free to members, concessions with Plant Heritage programme leaflets. Telephone 01305 848224 for more details.
CHARMOUTH: Cream Teas at St Andrews Community Hall from 2pm - 5pm (All proceeds to the Community Hall fund) Telephone 07813513062 for more details.

MONDAY MAY 3rd

BEAMINSTER: MacMillan support Plant Fair at Beaminster Public Hall from 10 - 3.30pm. Telephone 01308 862205 for more details.

FRIDAY MAY 7th

LYME REGIS: An A/V presentation by Ken Ayres at Woodmead Halls, organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

SATURDAY MAY 8th

BRIDPORT: Big Cash Prize Charity Quiz at the King's Head, Bradpole from 8.30pm prompt. £10 per team (max 4 per team). There will also be a raffle and Chinese bingo. All proceeds to Joseph Weld Hospice. Book on 01308 425023 or 422520.
MOSTERTON: Mosterton May Fayre at Mosterton Village Hall from 1.30pm. Telephone 01308 868631 for more details.
BRIDPORT: Tea Dance at St Swithun's Church Vestry from 3pm - 5pm. Telephone 01308 424880 for more details.
PORTLAND: Royal Manor Workshops are holding a 'Have-a-go' day at St George's Centre, Easton from 10am - 4pm. Admission free. Telephone 01305 823242 for more details.
BRIDPORT: NCT Nearly New Sale (National Childbirth Trust). Baby and toddler gear. Entry £1 includes a goody bag, refreshments will be available. From 2-4pm at Colfox School. Telephone 01308 420093 for more details.

SUNDAY MAY 9th

LITTON CHENEY: A Bit of ADo 2. Step back in time for a lazy afternoon fundraising event that promises you an array of historic vehicles, car rides, homemade clotted cream teas, pimm's, stalls and the Rex Trevitt Big Band...you are invited to wear vintage dress to add to the event, though this is not compulsory! Something For everyone, and all are welcome. The event will kick off with a historic vehicle run at an earlier time from bridport, for further details of this please contact martin bell on 07939 172 615. At Litton Hall, School Lane.

THURSDAY MAY 13th

WEYMOUTH: Tai Chi event at the Jubilee Enterprise Centre to raise funds for Bullying UK. In the large car park at the centre will be carrying out a morning tai chi session in the open air from 8.30am - 9am, then into Nutritrain Southwest for coffee, croissants etc for breakfast.

FRIDAY MAY 21st

CHARMOUTH: Bingo at St Andrews Community Hall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Lots of prizes. (All proceeds to the Community Hall fund) Telephone 07813513062 for more details.
LYME REGIS: Judging of two cups plus end of season awards at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

FRIDAY MAY 21st - SUNDAY MAY 23rd

LITTON CHENEY: Argentine Tango at Litton & Thorne's Community Hall. Telephone 01300 320007 for more details.

WEDNESDAY MAY 26th

DORCHESTER: Casterbridge Male Voice Choir open workshop. From 7 - 9pm at St Mary's Church Hall. Telephone 01305 774857 for more details.

SUNDAY MAY 30th

WEYMOUTH: Teddy Bears Picnic - free. At Greenhill Gardens from 2pm - 4.30pm. Telephone 01305 833469 for more details.
SALWAY ASH: Car Boot/Table Top Sale - come rain or shine! Gates/doors open at 2pm. £5 per vehicle or table. At Salway Ash Village Hall. Sellers arrive at midday. Entrance is free! Telephone 01308 488170 or 488308 for more details.
CHARMOUTH: Cream Teas at St Andrews Community Hall from 2pm - 5pm (All proceeds to the Community Hall fund) Telephone 07813513062 for more details.

New Family History courses in Dorchester and Bridport

DORSET Adult Learning is offering a variety of new courses in Family History this summer term in Dorchester and Bridport. The courses take place in the Adult Learning Centre Dorchester, Government Buildings, Prince of Wales Rd., whilst Bridport courses take place in the Adult Learning Centre.

A two day beginners course Getting Back to 1837 - Saturday May 1st and 8th.

The course will be looking at civil registration of birth, deaths and marriages and census records from 1841 - 1911. Each session will include time in the IT suite.

Looking at Pre 1837 Records, Saturday May 15th and 29th

Looking at Parish Records, Poor Law Documents, Wills, Probate, Maps and ways of recording your research. Each session will include time in the IT suite.

More Pre 1837 Records, Tuesday June 8th and 15th or Saturday, June 12th and 19th

Topics include using record offices, family history societies, militia, land tax, quarter sessions, estate maps, tithe maps, trade directories etc. We will look at ways of organising and writing up your research.

Organising, Writing up and Presenting your Family History, Saturday June 5th and 26th The course will include ways of organising, presenting and writing up your research. There is time between the sessions to complete a project to present in the second session. Not appropriate for beginners.

Using Power Point for Family History, Tuesday June 1st in Dorchester or Thursday June 3rd in Bridport.

This is a practical session on how to use Power Point to illustrate your family history research and share with family and friends. Take some documents, photos to use via a usb memory stick.

Researching Ancestors Online, Wednesday June 2nd in Dorchester or Friday June 4th in Bridport.

You will be able to access various subscription websites and plan your own research for the day with time to discuss, solve problems and brickwalls. This is not a how to research your family history day.

The tutor will make references to the sources available to learners at the libraries and the Dorset History Centre.

Drinks are available in the buildings and most students bring their lunch with them. All courses run from 10am - 4pm with a break for lunch.

For more information about the courses contact Dorset Adult Learning on 0800 262648

THOSE MAGNIFICENT MEN...

Villages in Action present *Those Magnificent Men* on Friday, April 30th. This classic tale of plucky British pioneers - Captain John Alcock, dashing WW1 fighter pilot, and Lieutenant Arthur Whitten Brown, navigational genius, with a gammy leg. Huddled together against the elements in the tiny timber and canvas cockpit of their converted Vickers Vimy biplane - talk about winging it!

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Those Magnificent Men takes place at Uplyme Village Hall from 7.30pm. Ticket prices are, £7 for adults, £5 for children and concessions and £19 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 Children).

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Quality lifestyle opportunity

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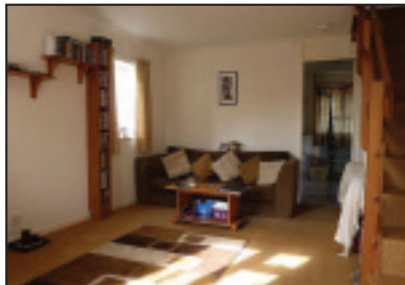
Maggie is a long established retail brand specialising in quality gifts, stationery, luxury accessories, small furniture and vintage style home and garden ware. The premises are located adjacent to the thriving Pummery Square in Poundbury, with its café society and local shops, and itself offers visible, extensive shop frontage.

The beautiful living accommodation, with its own private entrance, is arranged over two floors and comprises elegantly proportioned rooms with sitting room with southerly facing balcony and open fire, four double bedrooms, dressing room, two bathrooms and kitchen/dining room.

Outside there is a generous walled courtyard garden, currently used to display the garden ware and a double garage. For further details of this splendid property contact Bartle Pye Residential on 01305 230477.



Pretty two bedroom semi detached property



41 Queens Walk is situated in a popular residential area and is a short distance from all the facilities Lyme Regis has to offer.

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Stunning first floor apartment

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The open plan living space has been finished to a high standard and enjoys sea and harbour views. The lounge area is spacious and comfortable benefiting from glazed doors leading to the 180° balcony.

There is a dining area, which lies between the lounge and the kitchen. The kitchen is fully fitted with stylish wall and base units, and has all the modern conveniences one would expect in a property of this calibre, including fridge, freezer, dishwasher, cooker and microwave. There is also a washing machine and tumble drier located in

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Elegant solid oak flooring stretches through the living areas and is under heated for efficient and comfortable heating.

The master bedroom enjoys sea views from its private balcony, and boasts a luxurious en suite shower room and fitted double wardrobes.

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BRIDPORT - £165,000



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BRIDPORT - £220,000



An elegant ground floor apartment in refurbished Grade II listed building, just off market town centre. Master bed en-suite, bedroom 2, shower room, living room, kitchen, gas CH, parking, communal grounds.

WEST BAY - £225,000



Uninterrupted sea views extending to Portland from this purpose built 1st floor apartment on sea front of holiday/fishing village. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, living room, kitchen, sun room, DG, elec heating, garage.

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A stone and slate terraced character cottage, extended and updated, at sought after village centre. 3 bedrooms, shower room, 2 receptions, kitchen, utility area, D. G., C. H., garden, views.

BRADPOLE - £295,000



A mature spacious detached family house, just decorated and with new carpets and curtains on market town outskirts. 3 bedroom, bathroom, 2 receptions, kitch/breakfast, sun room, Gas fired CH, DG, gardens, garage, parking, views.

BRIDPORT - £397,000



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LYME REGIS - £587,500



Situated on the western side of town with views across the valley. This substantial 5 bedroom detached house has accommodation over three floors with the potential to create a self contained annex. It has a large rear garden with enclosed luxury hot tub, garage and workshop.

UPLYME - £295,000



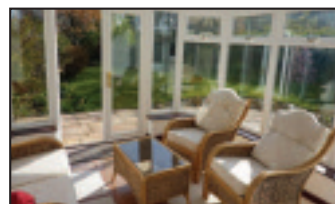
- Entrance porch
- Kitchen - Dining area
- Sitting room
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway parking
- Front and rear gardens
- uPVC double glazed windows
- gas central heating (installed approximately two years ago)

LYME REGIS - £495,000



A modern spacious family home situated in a popular residential cul-de-sac. Lounge, large conservatory, dining room/2nd lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, master bedroom with en suite, 3 further bedrooms, family bathroom. A cellar/workshop along with a double garage and views from the gardens.

HAWKCHURCH - £280,000



- Spacious cottage style house
- Countryside views
- Two double bedrooms
- Large bathroom with shower
- uPVC double glazed conservatory & windows
- Workshop & garage
- Kitchen & built in appliances
- Lounge/dining room
- Front & rear gardens

UPLYME - £235,000



- Period terraced cottage
- Accommodation over three floors
- Living room with wood burning stove
- Large lower ground floor kitchen/dining room
- Bedroom 3 / study
- Two first floor bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Courtyard garden

LYME REGIS - £197,500



- Open-plan living room/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Night-storage heating
- Double-glazed windows
- Communal gardens
- car-parking space
- Twelve months holiday occupancy.
- NB: This property can only be occupied as a second home/ holiday let.

LYME REGIS - £359,500



This luxury two bedroom apartment set on the third floor of a converted former rectory is well located for access to Lyme Regis and The Cobb offering fine views along the Jurassic coast and has a double garage, no onward chain.

UPLYME - £249,950



Situated in an elevated position with lovely views across the Lym Valley, Tetherdown is a detached two bedroom bungalow requiring updating.



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MORCOMBELAKE - £245,000



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- Conservatory
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Office/Bed 3
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Views towards Stonebarrow Hill

MORCOMBELAKE £495,000



Delightful 3 bed modern detached house set in an elevated scenic position with panoramic views towards Lyme Bay. Hallway

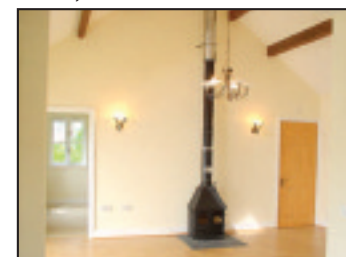
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility
- Study/Bed 3
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Master Bedroom with Dressing Room
- Bed 2
- Bathroom
- Paved Gardens

CHARMOUTH - £349,950



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CHARMOUTH £279,950



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- Bathroom
- Garden
- Parking
- Double-glazing
- Gas-fired central-heating
- New NHBC guarantee
- Close to beach and village centre

CHARMOUTH - £349,500



A well proportioned 3 bed period property near the centre of the village with garage and gardens

- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room
- 2 Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Southerly Garden
- Garage and Parking

CHARMOUTH - £160,000



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HAWKCHURCH

£285,000

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An attractive cottage style 3 bedroomed house in a quiet location in the centre of this picturesque East Devon village. Secluded mature gardens backing onto a meadow. Parking & a Garage.

LYME REGIS

GUIDE PRICE: £525,000

New
Instruction



A detached 1930's seaside house providing 4 – bedroomed accommodation with sea & coastal views. Delightful landscaped rear garden. Garage & parking. Quiet location in a private cul-de-sac.

UPLYME

GUIDE PRICE: £585,000

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Instruction



An imposing detached Victorian house recently renovated to a high standard. Very spacious 5 / 6 bed accommodation. Views across the Lym Valley.

LYME REGIS

£295,000 LEASEHOLD

New
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A well maintained ground floor apartment in this attractive terraced Victorian seaside house offering 4 – bedroomed accommodation. Sea views. Communal front garden & 2 rear yards.

LYME REGIS

£175,00 FREEHOLD

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LYME REGIS

£122,500

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HAWKCHURCH

GUIDE PRICE: £499,000



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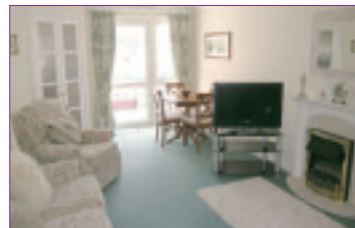


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THE first ever Police-spec XF is about to go on patrol across the Midlands. The Central Motorway Police Group, which patrols motorways across Staffordshire, Mercia and the West Midlands has bought seven high performance Police vehicles based on the award-winning Jaguar XF Diesel S model.

The Police-specification Jaguars feature the 275PS 3.0-litre Diesel S engine.

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Geoff Cousins, Managing Director for Jaguar Cars UK, said: "Police drivers demand the very best from their vehicles – power, performance, safety and comfort are all very important, while their fleet managers are looking at good environ-

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The seven XF's will be put to work immediately throughout the Midlands.

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The poll by leading van insurer, Express Insurance (www.expressinsurance.co.uk), found Nick Clegg, the second most employable of the three main party leaders

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Although Cameron's Conservatives currently have 27 percent of the White Van Man ballot box, ten percent ahead of Labour, and fourteen in front of the Lib Dems, Independent candidates will secure 1 in 10 votes according to the Express Insurance poll.

Ford Fiesta upgrades set to keep UK favourite at number one

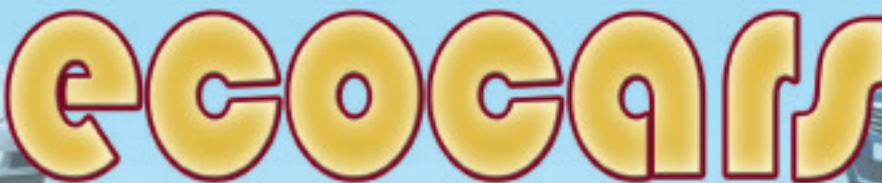
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Bus stop warning system proves potential to save children's lives

A new warning system developed in Sweden has demonstrated its potential to save lives of British schoolchildren in a series of trials in Scotland. The Amparo SeeMe® system uses an automatic radio 'tag', attached to a child's school bag to trigger solar-powered warning lights on bus stops or at crossings, to warn drivers that schoolchildren are in the vicinity.

The first UK trials of the SeeMe® warning system took place in Aberdeenshire, where sadly two young lives were lost in 2008 after children were struck by cars when they stepped off

school buses. While SeeMe® is fully CE-certified and adheres to EN12352; Scottish Transport Minister Stewart Stevenson took advantage of devolution to ensure that the SeeMe® equipment was evaluated as rapidly as possible ahead of full UK homologation by the Department for Transport.

The interactive bus stops, which issue a warning signal when children are boarding or leaving a school vehicle, are being tested in Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen and Moray. Local authority surveys report that the flashing warning signs activated by a signal from the transponder in the pupils' schoolbags have reduced driver speeds by up to 13%, from 53mph to 45mph when the signs were flashing. Pupils also reported a reduction in the number of cars overtaking school buses which have stopped to pick up or drop off children.

The first stage of the pilot scheme was launched in May last year and ran for several months. The signs were brought back for a second phase in February. Local parents reported that 76% had noticed the signs and 86% felt they helped to alert them to the presence of schoolchildren.

Across the UK, DfT figures show that 28,126 children aged 0-15 years were injured in road accidents. 3,331 of these were seriously injured and 141 were killed. These include 11,250 child pedestrian casualties, which included 63 fatalities. It is particularly noteworthy that while the number of children killed or seriously injured (KSI) in cycling accidents has fallen by 53% and as car passengers have fallen by 54%, the num-

ber of KSI accidents for child pedestrians in the UK has fallen by just 46%.

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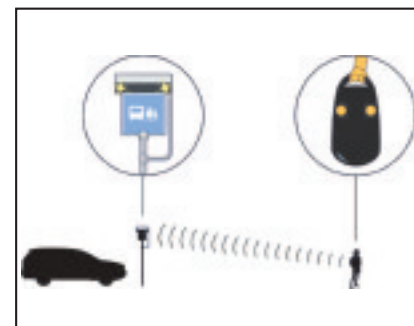
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MIDWEEK ROUND-UP

DIVISION ONE

Ilminster Town Colts 5 (J. May, L. Lazenby, C. Stuckey, A. Fish, A. Male) West & Middle Chinnock 1 (M. Cawley), Netherbury 1 (M. Cuff) Lyme Regis Reserves 0, Perry Street Reserves 2 (K. Rowson, OG) Winsham United 3 (S. Scott 2, J. Simmons).

DIVISION TWO South Petherton 1 Norton Athletic 4 (L. Hockey 2, P. Churchill, A. Rose).

Wednesday, April 21st

DIVISION TWO

Beaminster Reserves 1 (R. Picketts) Chard United 0, Forton Rangers Reserves 0 Millway Rise 4 (D. Larcombe 2, M. Knight, P. Otreba).

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP FINAL

(At Shepton Mallet)

Chew Valley Senior 0 South Petherton 2 SOUTH Petherton became the first Perry Street League team since Merriott Rovers back in 1993-94 to lift the Somerset Junior Cup when first-half goals from Lee Richards and Rich Hebditch sealed a 2-0 victory over Bath-based Chew Valley Seniors.

Thursday, April 22nd

DIVISION ONE

Ilm Colts 0 Thorncombe 1 (C. Tovey)

DIVISION THREE

Chard Rangers Reserves 0 Luso-Chard 3

DIVISION FOUR

Barrington Reserves 2 (J. Park, L. Oliver) Chard United Res 2 (S. Coombes, OG).

ARTHUR GAGE CUP

Semi-final

LYME Regis Reserves will face Perry Street Reserves in the 60th Arthur Gage Cup Final at Axminster Town's Sector lane on Friday, May 7th.

The Seasiders booked their place after a hard-fought 1-0 win at Netherbury. Lyme had the better of the first-half and deservedly took the lead when Jason Hawker nodded Ally Rattenbury's cross back along the six-yard box where Fred Thomson's downward back post headed bounced high into the net giving Ambers' keeper Lee Cuff no chance. The hosts came back into the game and took the territorial advantage after the break but they couldn't find a way past a resolute and in form Lyme back five.

PREMIER DIVISION

APRIL 24th could well have proved to be the pivotal day in the Premier Division title race as the top four clashed. Second-placed Beaminster took on long-time title favourite South Petherton at the Memorial Ground.

Pethy, who lifted the Somerset Junior Cup on Wednesday evening at Shepton Mallet, took the early advantage when

Rich Hebditch netted his 29th of the season with just 90 seconds on the clock.

That's how it stayed until the hour mark when Murray Leg, Beaminster's top-marksman, responded with his 26th of a fine season. The result was decided by Andy Southern who was summoned from the bench by outgoing Rainbows boss Paddy Ford and immediately announced his arrival by netting with just his second touch.

The hosts had a few anxious moments towards the end especially when Tristan Gale was red-carded for a second bookable offence by referee Richard Allen. But Beaminster held on to the delight of their supporters and manager Ford who said: "We knew we had to win this one to have any chance of finishing top - It was a good performance, now we have to do it all over again against Lyme in midweek." Petherton player-manager Karl Diment was realistic in defeat, he said: "My team gave their all in the cup Final on Wednesday and it showed. Beaminster were the stronger team in the second-half and deserved their win."

There was no slip up by the Lyme Regis on Saturday as they subjected Ilminster Reserves to their biggest home defeat for many years. The final 7-0 score line certainly didn't flatter Lyme who showed a clinical touch in front of goal which been lacking in recent matches.

Two Julien Simier goals by bisected by a superb half-volley chip by strike partner Joe Bond as the visitors cruised into a 3-0 interval lead. The second-half was also one-way traffic as Simier took his tally to 15 for the season with two more and own goal, followed by a cracker from Danny Prendeville, completed the carnage.

At the other end of the table Charmouth's goals against column moved into three figures as they were beaten 2-1 by Combe Reserves at Barrs Lane.

Crewkerne Town are however, still teetering on the brink. The Tigers went down to a 3-1 defeat against Barrington at Henhays and, with a tough looking run-in could be facing the prospect of playing Division One football just two seasons after being crowned League Champions.

White Horse closed in on Crewkerne with a point from a topsy-turvy 3-3 draw with Merriott Rovers. The South Somerset side look set to gain revenge for a 4-1 thumping in the reverse fixture just seven days ago as they stormed into a 2-0 lead at the break through Barry Hayne and Nathan Davenport. But in-form Russell Weller bagged his fifth goal in six outings to reduce the arrears soon after the restart. The game was then turned on its head substitute John Kingston who netted twice to squeeze his side

ahead at 3-2. It looked to be about to get even better when Sam Beaton was hooked down in the area - but referee Jeff Farley disagreed and waved away Horse penalty appeals. This proved decisive as Rovers surged up the other end and the points were shared when Hayne took his tally up to 17 for the season.

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyme Regis	17	15	1	1	48	11	46
Beaminster	18	14	1	3	67	18	43
South Petherton	15	11	2	2	62	14	35
Barrington	19	9	3	7	39	46	30
Ilminster Town Res	19	8	4	7	51	40	28
Misterton	19	7	4	8	33	39	25
Merriott Rovers	17	8	1	8	36	44	25
Perry Street	20	7	3	10	36	52	24
Combe Reserves	19	7	2	10	34	39	23
Crewkerne Town	19	5	3	11	39	50	18
White Horse	19	4	4	11	33	47	16
Charmouth (R)	21	0	4	17	23	101	4

DIVISION ONE

SIX teams are still in the running for the two promotion places. West & Middle Chinnock remain in pole-position but were pegged back after trading points and penalties with rivals Winsham United after a 2-2 draw Bakers Field.

Things are looking bleak for bottom of the table Pymore as they were beaten 3-1 at home in a relegation battle with Perry Street Reserves. A Gavin Druce effort separated the sides at the turn-around before netted his first of the season to half Pymore back level. But the Mothers' top-scorer Kev Rowson decided to step up to the plate and struck twice to give his side three crucial points.

With games in hand Pymore's survival is at least in their own hands.

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W & M Chinnock	14	9	3	2	51	32	30
Ilminster Colts	13	9	3	3	32	19	30
Winsham United	16	9	3	4	39	30	30
Forton Rangers	16	9	2	5	33	25	29
Netherbury	16	8	3	5	36	25	27
Farway United	14	7	5	2	34	17	26
Perry Street Res	14	4	2	8	32	39	14
Thorncombe	16	3	3	10	29	36	12
Lyme Regis Reserves	14	3	2	9	30	42	11
Chard Rangers	17	3	1	13	26	63	10
Pymore	12	2	3	7	16	30	9

DIVISION TWO

CONGRATULATIONS go to Millway Rise who were crowned Division Two champions for the first time in their history following a 2-1 win at Beaminster Reserves.

The Rise unbeaten record looked in jeopardy as Josh Hunter put the Beaminster ahead. But Ashley Phillips levelled the visitors' nerves before the interval. And the champagne was removed from the ice when Haydn

Lewis netted what proved to be the title clincher.

NB: Beaminster lineman Mick Scully would like to put the record straight - he was not dismissed from the touchline in the Rainbows' first team's 3-1 defeat against Lyme Regis last month as reported in this column - the offending flagman was in fact Greg Channing - sorry Mick.

Drimpton won the battle of the relegated teams with Chard United - and in some style. Chris Rowsell (4) and Nick hole were on target as the Greens stroled to a 5-0 win finally to end a telling 16-game win less run.

Uplmye suffered a double blow not only were they well beaten 5-1 at home by Shepton Beauchamp but Manager Rodney Rowe and assistant Andy Cleere announced they would be standing down at the end of the season.

On the field Steve Gillan cancelled out a Shepton opener but the visitors purred to victory with goals from Rich Phippen, Sam Murley, Dan Smith, John Spendlow and Ryan Tett.

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millway Rise (C)	15	14	1	0	52	16	43
Norton Athletic	17	11	2	4	61	32	35
Shepton Beau	14	8	2	4	45	20	26
Dowlish & Donyatt	17	8	2	7	57	49	26
Forton Rangers Res	17	7	5	5	35	30	26
Hinton St George	18	7	3	8	44	42	24
Beaminster Res	15	7	2	6	36	34	23
Uplmye	17	6	2	9	40	50	20
South Peth Res	16	4	6	6	40	37	18
Drimpton (R)	18	3	1	14	36	82	10
Chard United (R)	16	2	0	14	21	75	6

DIVISION THREE

Luso-Chard enjoyed their first ever visit to Lyme Regis' cliff-top Davey Foot Ground and returned home with a 3-2 win over Lyme Bantams.

Ben Strong put Lyme ahead before Ricardo Silva leveled. Marco Quedas put Luso ahead but back came Lyme through Jamie Jones and it was left to Luis Mesquita to secure the win for the visitors.

Goals from Ashley Hall, Jess Langdon and Levi Hoole gave Millway Reserves a fine 3-1 win over Crewkerne Rangers.

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkhurst (P)	18	13	3	2	62	32	42
Fivehead United	17	8	3	6	32	27	27
Crewkerne Rangers	13	8	2	3	47	23	26
Luso-Chard	15	8	1	6	49	38	25
Millway Rise Res	17	8	0	9	35	41	24
Misterton Reserves*	17	7	3	7	42	49	23
Lyme Bantams*	16	7	2	4	45	38	20
Crewkerne Reserves	13	6	4	4	29	24	19
Combe A	18	5	4	9	26	31	19
Shepton Reserves	18	5	3	10	34	47	18
Chard Rang Res (R)	16	2	1	13	20	71	7

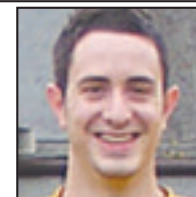
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SUPER SUB: John Kingston's two goals helped to edge White Horse a point closer to safety.



CALLING IT A DAY: Rodney Rowe will end his time in charge of Division Two side Uplmye.



DECIDER: Fred Thomson scored the goal which earned Lyme Reserves' Arthur Gage Final spot.

DIVISION FOUR

IT looks like Waytown Hounds will miss out on a debut-season promotion despite drawing 4-4 at top of the table Winsham Reserves. The West Dorset side led 4-2 before being forced the share the spoils. Tom Rutland (2), Gary Corry and Ethan Guppy scored for the Hounds.

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham Utd Res	19	10	6	3	71	52	36
Chard United Res	15	9	3	3	50	30	30
Waytown Hounds	17	9	2	6	59	38	29
Farway United Res	15	8	3	4	48	30	27
Barrington Reserves	18	8	3	7	52	48	27
Combe B	20	8	2	10	66	55	26
Ilminster Town A*	15	9	2	4	47	34	25
Hinton Reserves	18	7	4	7	37	47	25
Thorncombe Res*	17	5	4	8	36	44	16
Hawkhurst Res	19	3	3	13	31	62	12
Charmouth Res*	19	3	2	14	22	79	10

RESULTS

Wednesday, April 21st

Somerset Junior Cup Final

at Shepton Mallet FC

Chew Valley Seniors 0 South Petherton 2

Division Two

Beaminster Reserves 1 Chard United 0

Forton Rangers Reserves 0 Millway Rise 4

Thursday, April 22nd

Division One

Ilminster Town Colts 0 Thorncombe 1

Division Three

Chard Rangers Reserves 0 Luso-Chard 3

Division Four

Barrington Reserves 2 Chard United Reserves 2

Saturday, April 24th

Arthur Gage Cup Semi-final

Netherbury 0 Lyme Regis Reserves 1

Premier Division

Beaminster 2 South Petherton 1

Charmouth 1 Combe St Nicholas Reserves 2

Crewkerne 1 Barrington 3

Ilminster Town Reserves 0 Lyme Regis 7

White Horse 3 Merriott Rovers 3

Division One

Chard Rangers 1 Ilminster Town Colts 2

Pymore 1 Perry Street Reserves 3

Thorncombe 1 Forton Rangers 3

Winsham United 2 West & Middle Chinnock 2

Division Two

Beaminster Reserves 1 Millway Rise 2

Drimpton 5 Chard United 0

Norton Athletic 2 Forton Rangers Reserves 2

South Petherton Reserves 7 Dowlish & Donyatt 0

Uplmye 1 Shepton Beauchamp 5

Division Three

Combe A 1 Fivehead United 0

Lyme Bantams 2 Luso-Chard 3

Millway Rise Reserves 3 Crewkerne Reserves 1

Shepton Reserves 2 Misterton Reserves 2

Division Four

Hawkhurst Reserves 1 Chard United Reserves 6

Winsham United Reserves 4 Waytown Hounds 4

Tuesday, April 27th

Kennedy Hodges Cup Final

Lyme Regis Golf

with Steve Percival

Juniors win first leg in Dorset League

LYME Regis Junior team of Scott Love, Jonathan Ebdon, George Seed, David Lyon, George Yorke and Kai To Li played a hard fought contest at home against Dudsbury in the first leg of their Dorset League match.

Top player Scott Love knew that, playing off scratch, he had a hard match against the reigning Dorset under 14 champion who had a three shot advantage and, although Scott battled hard he was finally outplayed 3 - 2. Meanwhile Jonathan Ebdon seemed to have an easier match when he went 8up after eight holes.

However, his opponent rallied valiantly to close the difference to a narrow two hole margin at the end. George Seed playing his usual steady round of golf gained a valuable half. David Lyon, at all square after 17 holes, knew that he had to play an exceptional last hole to achieve victory and this he did admirably with a birdie.

Similarly George Yorke achieved a narrow,

but vital one hole victory on the last hole.

Last but by no means least Kai To Li also achieved a victory, but by 2 holes to secure a team win of 41/2 to 11/2. Having secured this convincing win hope are high in the team for similar success at Dudsbury on Sunday, May 2nd.

Golfers Fogged off

DESPITE early morning mist, which cleared in time for the start of play, hopes were high for the successful completion of the qualifying round of the annual Andrew Black 4 ball better ball qualifying competition.

However, early optimism was dashed as, halfway through the round of the early starters, the warm moist air from the sea began to settle in the valleys around the Lyme course.

Eventually the mist became thick fog which quickly settled on the higher and most exposed parts of the course.

Eventually, with the visibility rapidly reducing to well less than a safe distance, the event had to be abandoned.

Lyme Regis Ladies by Ellie Langford
McMillan Spoon Stableford

BRIGHT sunshine and dry conditions resulted in the ball running on much more than the ladies have been used to in recent weeks. This led to some good scores in Thursday's competition.

Results:

Division One: 1st Jane Andrews 36pts, 2nd Mary Giles 33pts, 3rd Susan Jupp 33pts ocb.

Division Two: 1st Gloria Lott 36pts, 2nd Eva Sewell 35pts, 3rd Monica Frost 35pts ocb.

Division Three: 1st Hanna Jacobsen 39pts, 2nd Alice Hines 38pts, 3rd Jean Forbes-Harris 37pts.

The winner of the McMillan Spoon, was Hanna Jacobsen who also cut her handicap from 36 to 34, Alice Hines cut her handicap from 33 to 32 and Jean Forbes-Harris from 30 to 29.

The winner of the Nine-hole competition was Doreen Wild with 17pts.

Meanwhile, the Beals Bronze team lost their away match to Wareham by 6 games to 1.

Lyme Regis Bowls

Soggy start for bowlers

with Paul Moffitt

ANOTHER competitive season is now under way and true to form, after nearly three weeks without a drop of rain, the weather managed to bring the game on Sunday to a premature end.

Three friendlies are now in the bag and, so far, Lyme have managed to come out on top on all three occasions.

The trials for the three League sides will take place this week for the men, whilst the Ladies start their encounters in the Edna Paisley League this Monday.

Results:

Lyme 96; Yeovil 90.

Y Moody, B Turpin, D Wood, R Edwards 18-25; K Faragher, H Dowling, P Stephens, John Wells 15-18; C Clissold, T Poyner, J Beadsley, P Moffitt 19-11; A Lole, K Smith, C Bell, G Cozens 18-21; T Coldrick, S Wood, R Moody, K Clissold 26-15.

Lyme 105; Island Bohemians 79.

Y Moody, A Brown, D Wood, Chas Barber 13-17; J Moffitt, S Eaton, R Moody, K Clissold 28-4; S Wood, S Applebee, J Eaton, N Stephens 10-23; B Downes, D Courtenay-Smith, G Cozens, Chris Barber 24-14; D Read, P Stephens, B Smith, K Hickman 14-12; K Smith, S Dowling, J Beadsley, P Moffitt 16-9.

◆ The friendly triples against neighbours Charmouth on Saturday saw

Sporty women....we need you!

DID you know that the fastest growing sport in the country is Women's cricket? There are several good reasons: The England women's team have had phenomenal success over the last few years including regaining the ashes in 2008 and 2009 saw them winning not only the Womens world cup but also the world Twenty20 series. There is also more sponsorship and therefore money in the women's game now which has helped raise its profile.

At the club level, one of the main reasons given by those who are learning about and playing cricket is that it offers a unique blend of fun, fitness, social and team spirit. Phil Gordon team manager for the 'Axe Women' commented: "The women's team was only formed four years ago but they have gone from strength to strength. Winning their league two years ago saw promotion into the Devon 'A' division last year and they are already giving the more experienced teams a good challenge!"

The Axminster Womens cricket team are now looking to further develop their squad this year and are especially looking for more potential players in the 16-40 age group. Phil explains: "The upsurge in media

coverage and the fantastic success of 20/20 cricket has seen lots of new junior members into the Axminster cricket club but we have a shortage of more senior players. You don't need to have played before (we are not just looking for experienced players) but if you have ever played and enjoyed either hockey or rounders, then you should find cricket great fun!" For those that have a natural flair and ability, we have good contacts at both Somerset and Devon county clubs and already have county players in the Axminster squad.

"At Cloakham we have an excellent team of coaches and support staff who are always keen to teach the basics and then develop your skills. Some people are better at bowling others at batting and everyone can contribute with good fielding skills. If you would like to come along and have a go or just have a chat and watch initially, we can assure you of a very warm welcome. We practice on Tuesdays at 6.30 until 8pm at Cloakham lawns on the chard road outside Axminster."

Please contact Julie or Phil Gordon on 01460 30860 for more information.



Jaffa Asymmetric Regatta to add zest to sailing academy

THE 8th and 9th May will see the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) hosting the first ever Jaffa WPNSA Asymmetric Cup.

Jaffa is one of the most historic and well-known brands of citrus fruit in the UK and they are very excited to be holding their first sailing regatta. The regatta is open to three different class associations; 29er, B14 and Musto Skiff with all classes competing on one race course. The winner will receive the prestigious 'Jaffa Cup' for the very first time as well as a cash prize for the first 29er.

The Regatta is the first stop of many on Jaffa's 'Zest for Life Tour 2010'. As part of this tour, Jaffa will also be visiting a variety of UK cities throughout the summer to help promote health, fitness and awareness amongst the younger generation. Jaffa will be present at and supporting various events around the country including the Jaffa WPNSA Asymmetric Cup, beach volleyball events, support of youth engagement programmes and support of Team GB Basketball.



The WPNSA provides the ideal starting location for the Jaffa tour as it allows Jaffa to showcase their sponsorship around the event, having been proud sponsors of the Academy venue for the past two years. The WPNSA is also a centre for youth engagement as it hosts many events for young sailors and up-and-coming sailing talent.

Chris Knight, Business Manager at the WPNSA commented, 'entries are building well for the Jaffa Asymmetric Regatta this May, it will be a great fun weekend at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy with racing across three dynamic classes.'

Entries for this event must be in by May 2nd and can be secured through <http://www.sailracer.co.uk/events/event-v2.asp?eventid=46521>. It promises to be a fun weekend of sailing on the Games waters and off the water the Jaffa VW Camper Van will be supplying fruit and juices as well as a DJ set up in the dinghy park.

BOB BUCKLER RACING IS VIRUS THE ROOT OF BUCKLER'S PROBLEM?

THE dismal finish to the season by Bob Buckler's horses at first seemed disappointing considering the good year that the stable has enjoyed writes Stuart Broom.

With an almost identical record to last season, the running of his horses in the final two weeks since the Grand National has been much poorer than he would have expected.

"However it would now appear that the stable may have a virus. Winter Warmer, who was the last of Buckler's horses to have run, finished last at Fontwell on Thursday and was reported on Sunday to have a runny nose and not be eating up."

"There is definitely a grumbling in the yard," he reported. "Too many have put in sub-standard runs, and with Winter Warmer now appearing to have caught something we will be running blood tests this week to establish if there is a problem."

Buckler had been particularly disappointed with Ethiopia's running in the Conditional Jockeys' Novices' Handicap Hurdle at Southwell last Wednesday. Having got up in the final strides to beat Count Boris at Plumpton five weeks earlier Buckler was convinced the 7-year-old would easily beat the field but having led early on he weakened under pressure to finish midfield.

"I thought he was a certainty and so was very disappointed when he failed to quicken, but maybe we now know why."

Both Double or Quitz and Howlin At The Moon had also ran badly for no inexplica-

ble reason earlier in the week giving rise to Buckler's suspicions.

Of his other runners, Sean Thornton having his first run over fences at Fontwell was competing well for the first six fences but then chopped into his front tendon with his back leg which left him tailed off badly at the finish.

"Being his first chase he was jumping very carefully, and I suspect that was the reason for him injuring himself. As you can imagine it is very sore."

The Sawyer put in a very creditable performance in the Irish Daily Mirror Handicap Chase at Punchestown last Wednesday evening but would have been much closer that ninth had he not made one bad mistake down the back straight after heading the race.

"He made a bad error and almost went but recovered and ran a super race," said Buckler who only found out after the race that his charge had been rated differently by the Irish handicapper than his British counterpart.

"He was rated 4lb less in Ireland and was eligible for the Pat Taffe Chase on the Saturday which was over 3 miles. If I had known that I would have probably run him in that against lesser opposition."

With the current season having finished on Saturday, Buckler will be turning most of his horses out for the summer with only a handful who prefer fast ground staying in training.

BRIDPORT SUPERLEAGUE DARTS

Good finish by battling Bridport

BOTH Bridport teams were looking to finish the season on a high, by winning their final two games against Poole and Alderholt.

The ladies got off to a dreadful start at home to Poole and found themselves 4-0 before Helen Long gave them hope of a revival. However they lost the next two before Elaine Ingram produced a Lady of the Match performance with a 15.82 average but Bridport lost the last game and the match 2-7.

It was a similar story with the men who lost 2-10. Joe Carter and Ben Grainger grabbed a win in the pairs but from then on it was all Poole. The only highlight for Bridport came from Carter with a stunning performance that included a 180 and a lovely 122 match shot for a 3-0 win with an average of 25.05.

The men's chances of avoiding the wooden spoon looked slim in the final match away to last year's champions Alderholt, currently lying second, but they went into it in high spirits.

They were buoyed by wins from Graham Knight and Nigel Druce, and Grainger and Carter in the pairs, but Alderholt won the two opening singles before Knight with a Man of the Match 3-1 winning performance and Druce with a 3-2 victory levelled the scores again at 4-4.

Alderholt won the next two to leave them on the brink of victory but with Grainger producing an outstanding performance to win 3-1 it left Carter needing victory to grab a point. With the whole team shouting encouragement and the adrenalin coursing through his veins, Carter won 3-1 to grab an unexpected point.

Although this was not the men's best season, the team will be looking to take this performance into next year and build again.

The ladies were hoping a win would lift them into the top half of the table and got off to a flier winning all three pairs. Elaine Ingram once again produced a Lady of the Match performance after Alderholt had pulled one back.

Hitting a 19.19 average, six ton plus scores and an 111 game shot she set lifted her side and with Jo Knight and Sally James both grabbing good wins they took the match 6-3 and with it fifth place.

◆ The Superleague annual meeting will be held at the Clockhouse Inn, Chideock on Friday April 30th at 6.15pm. All players interested in playing next season are invited to attend

The Bridport Open will follow the AGM. 7.45pm register for an 8pm kick off.

BRIDPORT SKITTLES LEAGUE

Cup fixtures for week beginning Monday, April 26th:

Over 58s - Final

Monday April 26th - Woodman

S. Bulled, N. Pye, J. Scotton, M. Chivers, M. Hansford, J. Brooks, D. Maunder, S. Gale.

Ladies Individual Nomination - Final

Tuesday, April 27th - King Charles

C. Huxter, J. Malcolm, J. Symes, S. Luter, E. Hooper; C. Lambert, M. Hansford, S. Newman.

Mens Pairs - Final

Thursday, April 29th - Lodgers Arms

R. Pincombe & R. Harp, H. Mills & B. Pitcher, I. Pincombe & D. Cooper, J. Peach & D. Langridge.

Tickets for the Presentation Night (May 21st) are now on sale from the Lord Nelson @ £4 each

Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

Moth mesmerises Gorge B

WITH no first team fixture last week it was left to Shipton Gorge B to try to keep up the pressure on the top teams. Unfortunately they found Springfield in equally determined mood.

SPRINGFIELD B 21 SHIPTON GORGE B 18

With David Moth and Chris Whitefield collecting nine points each for the home side, Shipton had to graft out points where they could.

John Moseley and Jim Saunders both took Moth to 2-2 but perished in the last game. They took the doubles 3-1 to pick up 14 points between them and David Poole added a further four to take the result close, but overall it was a disappointing outcome.

The remaining games need to be won convincingly to have any chance of winning the division.

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pilgrims.....	19	14	0	5	433	262	447
Springfield B.....	20	16	0	4	422	303	438
St Osmonds Sharks.....	18	14	0	4	415	250	429
SHIPTON GORGE B.....	18	14	0	4	406	244	420
Springfield C.....	19	12	0	7	391	312	403
Civil Service C.....	19	11	0	8	363	318	374
Preston B.....	19	9	1	9	342	353	351
Colliton B.....	17	11	0	6	302	299	313
St Osmonds Hawks.....	16	10	0	6	300	279	310
Dorset Youth Serv.....	18	4	0	14	286	407	290
Colliton C.....	19	4	1	14	286	407	290
Preston A.....	17	2	0	15	250	375	252
St Osmonds Lions.....	18	3	0	15	203	409	206
Budmouth B.....	15	1	0	14	130	380	131

Electrical problems put paid to local team's chances

A FAULTY speed limiter may have put paid to the chances of local rally team Rex Ireland and Adrian Scadding in the second round of the British Rally Championships last Saturday.

Fifteenth overall in Class C2 from the Bulldog Historic Rally in Wales last month the duo were looking forward to improving their standing in the Pirelli Historic Rally held at Carlisle Racecourse.

However they left the road in their Mk1 Ford Escort on first stage Roughside, and although they managed to get going again, they were defeated by damage to the electrics causing them to retire.

Co-driver Adrian said: "We were 6.5 miles into the 11.6 mile stage when we approached a 90 degree right on the brow of a hill. Unfortunately the turn was too tight and whilst in midair we crashed through a hedge and down a bank."

Fortunately about 40 spectators immediately descended on us and pushed us back up the hill and on to the course again. Damage was only minor to the front corner of the car and we had the engine running again and looked to be off and running albeit three minutes down because of the incident.

"Unfortunately the engine cut out after a few seconds and we couldn't get it started again. We eventually diagnosed a faulty brand new speed limiter that must have got knocked or failed as we landed in the field."

"I rewired it and the car then went like a rocket but unfortunately we were about 17 minutes adrift of a sensible time and so far behind that we retired. It's unlucky, but that's how it goes sometimes."

Rex stood third in the registered driver's championship and Adrian second in the navigator's table after the first stage, but realistically now have no chance of being competitive after such a penalty and will be taking stock as to whether to continue this year.

"It's a very expensive sport and with no chance of being really competitive we will be talking later this week to see if we carry on."



◆ DARN IT!: Rex and Adrian survey the damage.

Groover bags 150th in Magpies win

DORCHESTER TOWN 4 MAIDENHEAD UNITED 2
Blue Square South - Attendance: 648

Saturday, April 24th

MATT Groves set Dorchester Town on their way to victory over Maidenhead United with his 150th goal for the Magpies, and helped eradicate last Saturday's dismal showing at Lewes.

Manager Ashley Vickers had asked his side to put that defeat behind them and end the season on a high with a victory, but for the first half hour of the match it looked like both sides had settled for a point in the sunshine that bathed The Avenue.

However Groves goal from the penalty spot was enough to stir both sides into action and although Sam Collins levelled before halftime, it was the Magpies that stole the show in the second half.

After admitting he made mistakes in his team selection against Lewes, Vickers restored a number of his established players for this final match of the season although there seemed little urgency from either side early on.

Kieran Knight had Magpies keeper Regan Coward scrambling across his goal with a drive on five minutes which went wide of the right hand post, before Steve Devlin's powerful header from 15-yards from Nick Crittenden's hooked cross just cleared the angle of the goal frame.

Then on 30 minutes Dorchester were awarded when referee Richard Corp adjudged Jamal Fyfield to have held Jamie Gleeson as he jumped for the ball in the box. Groves stepped forward to drive the ball low to keeper Warren Carter's right hand for his 150th goal in Dorchester colours.

However Maidenhead struck back eight minutes later when a long diagonal ball found a huge hole in the right side of Dorchester's defence allowing Collins to run on and beat Coward at his near post with a slight deflection off the covering Neil Martin.

The visitor had a let-off four minutes from the break when Jack Bradshaw sliced his attempted clearance from Ryan Hill's cross just over his own crossbar.

The visitors started quickest after the interval with Bradshaw glancing a header just wide before Lewis Ochoa curled a free-kick just beyond Coward's right hand post after Kevin Hill had fouled.

Dorchester took the lead on 51 minutes when Ryan Moss picked up a ball played out of defence, flicked it on with his right heel, before firing a vicious diagonal volley across Carter from the corner of the penalty area.

Gleeson then increased their lead just before the hour on his 200th appearance for the Magpies. Steve Devlin's low cross cum shot was collected by Groves, who with his back to goal laid the ball into Gleeson's path and his left foot shot ripped into the roof of the net.

Dorchester were now well in the ascendancy but Devlin spoilt a good run with a weak shot before Mark Jermyn fired over from 35-yards. Bradley Quamina put Carter in trouble with a weak back header but the keeper just managed to snatch the ball off Devlin.

The Berkshire Magpies got a goal back when subs Bobby Behzadi and Alex Wall combined 14 minutes from time when the former put the latter in with a superb pass, and Wall drove the ball under Coward.

However Carter handed Vicker's charges the win he craved when he inexplicably dropped the ball under the challenge of Moss on the edge of his box, and the striker dribbled round the keeper and rolled the ball home from an acute angle.

The goal brought Moss's total for the season to 13, the same as Groves who had left the field earlier to generous applause.

The win left Dorchester in 17th position in Blue Square South, a good result considering the position they were in at the turn of the year.

Vickers upbeat after final win

MAGPIES manager Ashley Vickers saluted Matt Groves, his players and club officials after Saturday's defeat of Maidenhead, and looked forward to building a side to make an impact in next season's Blue Square South.

Groves scored his 150th goal in Dorchester Town colours from the penalty spot in their 4-2 defeat of the Berkshire side equating to one goal in every three that he has played for the county town side.

"Groover has a knack of scoring goals! He's a thorn in the side of any defence and particularly in the latter part of the seasons showed how well he can retain the ball and bring others into play, as any striker must. His partnership with Ryan Moss has started to pay off. I wanted them to hold the ball up and bring others into play and they both did that on Saturday. I can't praise him enough.

"We're all chuffed he got his 150th goal and you could see that all the players were delighted for him through the celebrations after his goal.

On Moss, whose brace made the two joint goal scorers this season with 13 goals apiece, Vickers said: "I'm really pleased with that. Mossy's a great lad and what a goal his first one was! But that is what he is capable of doing - its confidence, and that is throughout the team this season. It can set the tone for the game."

Reflecting on the match that saw the Magpies finish in 17th place, Vickers added: "I look upon it as a really good game for us as it leaves a lasting memory, especially as we wanted to bounce back from the defeat to Lewes.

"I think that final 90 minutes really defined the last few months of the season for us. The workrate, the endeavour; it epitomised everything the lads have had instilled in them and I am really proud of them.

"It was a poor start, we haven't started as well as we can of late and something we need to address, but Maiden-

head are an under achieving side, but the penalty changed it a bit."

Looking forward the manager said: "We can draw a line under this season; it's history now. We've stayed up, which was the aim, and we'll try and crack on next year.

"Finishing where we have is pleasing given the position we were in when things changed hands. The players deserve every credit because they're the ones doing the job on the pitch."

Vickers also praised club officials and all the hard work they had put in to help make the season a success after such a dismal start.

"They have all played their part in putting us where we are and I would like to thank them all."

Not one to let the grass grow under his feet, Vickers is already planning for next season, and this week should see some changes to club personnel.

"Three players will be leaving the club, and I will be talking to them this week. I have my eye on certain players but nothing is fixed yet, but I hope to have them aboard by next week."

Bruised Bridport fail to fire

BRIDPORT 0 ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE 0

Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 61

BRIDPORT failed to find the spark to turn almost total possession into goals against a dogged Roman Glass side.

The Bees, with several players carrying injuries from the plethora of recent games, dictated from the start and apart from clearing two back passes, it was 36 minutes before Bees keeper Jamie Fry was required to handle the ball. In contrast Roman's portly gloveman Simon Venn was busy all night using every part of his body to ensure he kept a clean sheet.

Dan Wise went close after picking up Gary Bulman's pass but drove beyond the far post, before Venn's body almost reverberated when Matt Condliffe crashed a shot into his midriff on 20 minutes.

A minute later Wise went close again after Condliffe had been fouled by Matt Hudd on the left hand angle of the penalty area, but his curling free-kick just swung too late at the far post.

Venn then saved Jamie Symes shot with his knees before making a more conventional save by getting down at his right hand post to keep out Condliffe's angled drive.

The nearest they came to a goal in the first period was when Roger Cummings headed on a Gary Bulman effort that had to be cleared off the line by some desperate defending.

It was much the same pattern in the second-half, and Condliffe might have done better when after a strong run from the left passed a couple of visiting defenders, he rolled the ball the wrong side of the post.

Roman Glass gained their first corner on 65 minutes from which Alan Hill blocked Darryl Longhurst's shot after Fry had fumbled the ball.

The Bees continued to create chances; Jamie Symes glancing Wise's cross wide before sub Chris Symes missed the best chance of the match when he blazed his shot from 10-yards well over the bar after Wise's shot had been blocked.

Romans might of snatched it at the death but sub Dave Scott's speculative volley from 40-yards clipped the top of Fry's bar and went over.

This was definitely two points lost in Bridport's quest to wrest 10th spot from Cadbury Heath.

Into the second period, Condliffe's twinkle-toes enabled him to wriggle past several opponents but he could not find the target with just the keeper to beat. With Wise orchestrating proceedings from midfield, the Bees laid siege to the visitors' goal only to find their shooting boots deserting them - Cummings shooting tamely when in acres of space. Substitute Chris Symes then spurned a gift-wrapped opportunity to grab all three points in the dying minutes when he blazed over after Wise's shot had been blocked. Roman Glass had offered nothing in attack all match but nearly snatched the most unlikely of smash-and-grab victories in stoppage time as Dave Scott's 40-yard effort cannoned off the bar.

Although a draw was confirmed, for Bridport it was a case of two points dropped and they will rue this result should their pursuit of a spot in the top half of Toolstation Western League Division One prove fruitless.

Play-off bound Cards too sharp for Terras

WOKING 4 WEYMOUTH 0

Blue Square South - Attendance: 2,137

THE Terras hopes of escaping the Blue Square South 'wooden spoon' evaporated in the sunchine at a packed Kingfield Stadium in the final game of a decidedly troubled season.

The hosts, boosted by a crowd of 2,137 and chasing a victory that would ultimately confirm their position in the divisional play-offs, flew out of the blocks and were ahead inside three minutes when Weymouth keeper Michael Naish dropped Nicky Nicolau's corner kick allowing Craig Falconbridge to head home at the far post.

Guisepppe Sole added a second ten minutes later when he rounded of a precise five-man move.

The second-half saw Naish atone for his earlier error by leaping to tip Moses Ademola's deflected shot round the post.



◆ 150 UP! – Matt Groves (extreme left) slots home Dorchester's first goal from the penalty spot in Saturday's 4-2 win over Maidenhead United. It was the popular striker's 150th goal in Magpies colours. Photo by STUART BROOM

The pick of the goals came in the 80th minute when Nicolau put the icing on another superb team move by tapping home number three.

An injury-time route-one effort from Ademola rounded the scoring, and the season off for the Terras.

Bees find goalscoring touch

BRIDPORT 4 WESTBURY UNITED 2

Toolstation Division One - Attendance:

BRIDPORT found their shooting boots to score four in an entertaining match that sees them still on course to snatch 10th position in the Toolstation Western League First Division.

Forty-eight hours earlier they had dropped two points against lowly Roman Glass St George which made the game against fourth placed Westbury United, who could have gone third with a victory, even more important.

However there was no lack of goal action this time as Bridport hit them with three goals in the first half, and after Westbury pulled a goal back three minutes from half-time, the Bees immediately struck back to ensure their three goal cushion.

Although Westbury gave Bridport more problems in the second half they could only pulled one goal back.

Senior had to rotate his players once again due to injuries, but the combination worked and they took the lead on 13 minutes when Jamie Symes deftly lobbed a ball down the right channel for Roger Cummings to collect and neatly lob the advancing Westbury keeper Nick Evans from 22 yards.

Dan Wise, once again the catalyst for a lot of the Bees best moves set up the second on 24 minutes, putting Matt Condliffe in down the left wing. The speedy defender who had a terrific game, drilled an angled shot across Evans who couldn't hold it and the ball rolled to Gary Bulman who only had to tap the ball home.

Three minutes later it was three when Condliffe once again wriggled his way along the touchline pssed two defenders but was then unceremoniously dumped on his back by Nick Mead.

Wise, who has been potted from the spot this season, uncharacteristically missed, driving his kick down the middle of the goal. Evans blocked his shot but Wise was on hand to follow up as the ball looped into the air.

Westbury's first assault on the Bees goal was when Wayne Wheeler's corner was met by Dan Kovacs at the far post, but his header back across goal just cleared the angle of the goal frame, and soon after defender Mark Pearce should have done better when he misdirected his header from a Wheeler free-kick wide on the right.

They finally pulled one back three minutes from the break when the dangerous Wheeler was allowed to turn on the edge of the box and Beat Jamie Fry with a shot that went in off the underside of the bar.

Bridport settled their nerves with a fourth just before the break when Wise's diagonal ball into the box found Gary Bulman who beat Evans with a neat lob with the outside of his right foot.

Westbury improved in the second-half and showed their intent when Tom Robinson drove a shot just over the bar. However Cummings had a great chance to put the game beyond their opponents when Condliffe fed the ball into his path 15-yards from goal. However his measured side-footed shot struck the upright and Wise's follow-up was blocked.

Sub Joe Murray cut in from the right to fire a 30-yard shot just over the angle before Wheeler reduced the deficit when he had an easy task after Fry couldn't hold on to a shot.

Fry then had to be at his best as Westbury looked for a late chance to snatch a point when he brilliantly denied Robinson with a point blank save from six-yards following another Wheeler free-kick.

Senior said after the game: "I'm pleased with the result. We played some good football, particularly in the first-half and all the goals came from good moves.

"Saturday's match against Devizes is now very important if we are to finish tenth."

Bees snatch 10th spot with second half salvo

DEVIZES 1 BRIDPORT 3

Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 84

BRIDPORT went into Monday's nights match against Gillingham Town knowing one point will definitely secure tenth spot in the Toolstation Western League First Division. They edged ahead of Cadbury Heath with second-half display at Devizes Town that earned them the points but also a one goal difference through Sam Charles and a brace from Roger Cummings.

They could afford to lose to Gillingham but only by a one goal difference which should maintain their position on goals scored, but Trevor Senior's side will be going out for a win to finish a highly successful season on a high.

Bridport played poorly in the first-half in Wiltshire and the hosts deservedly took the lead on ten minutes when Liam Hill headed Danny Maslim's cross past Jamie Fry.

They might have increased their advantage with both Ben Giles and Rob Mitchell going close, but Bridport surprised and began to get back into the game after the interval. Cummings equalised midway through the second period when he fired past Devizes keeper Daryl Sims at the second attempt.

Charles, back from suspension showed he had not lost his goal scoring touch when he held off a defender before shooting home to put the Bees ahead before Cummings secured the points when he finished off a good move between Charles and Martin Bulman.

U10s TOURNAMENT TRIUMPH

BRIDPORT under10s travelled to Stalbridge to take part in the end of season tournament and came back crowned tournament champions. After dominating the group stages the young Bees met Winbourne in the semi-finals, and after, a close game, finished all square at 1-1.

The game was decided on penalties with the Bridport keeper Jordon Scadding saving two and the winning kick being slotted home by Harley Garrett. Bridport then went on to take control in the final and emerged 2-0 winners over Maiden Newton. Bridport's Player-of-the-Tournament was Harley Garrett.

Manager Mark Scadding wished to thank all the players who took part and all travelling supporters.



■ CHAMPIONS: The Bridport under10s team, with manager Mark Scadding, which returned from Stalbridge as 5-A-Side tournament Champions.

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INSIDE: Comprehensive local sports news round-up

Fred heads Lyme off to old battleground

By HOWARD LARCOMBE

LYME Regis took a giant stride towards the Perry Street League Premier Division title with a stunning thrashing of Ilminster Town Reserves. The 7-0 win, the Seaside's biggest on their travels for more than six years, was a personal triumph for Julien Simier. After a spell filling in on the left-flank, the Frenchman celebrated a return to his preferred central striking role with four goals as Lyme ended their recent poor run of form in front of goal with an impressive goal-fest.

Lyme manager Robin Townsend's near perfect weekend was also boosted by news of main title rivals South Petherton's 2-1 defeat at Beaminster - a result which certainly keeps the Rainbows firmly in the title-hunt.

"The results were ideal for us, but we must be wary of Beaminster on Tuesday (last night), said Townsend. Next up for the Seaside's is what could well be a last ever trip to Newchester Cross to take on crisis club Merriott Rovers, who due to changing room problems may well be forced to fold in the summer.

A first-half header from Fred Thomson was enough to land Lyme Regis Reserves a trip to Sector Lane, home of old rivals Axminster Town, for an Arthur Gage Cup Final against Perry Street Reserves on Friday, May 7th.

The Seaside's travelled to take on West-Dorset rivals Netherbury for the third time in 10 days and fully deserved their victory despite being on the back foot for much of the second-half. Manager Gerard Hitchcock who will lead his team into a final for the first time, will have been impressed by the stirring shift put in by keeper Jedd Whittington and his back four of; Adam Clarke, Ally Rattenbury, Rob Larcombe and skipper Stuart King.

The Resies turn their attention to the Daisy Hutchings cup with a place in the quarter-finals in the offing from their trip to Division two outfit Hinton St George on Saturday.

Lyme Regis Bantams were beaten 3-2 by Luso-Chard as the Portuguese side made their bow at the Davey Fort.

The Bantams are due to take on title-chasing Hawkchurch at the Fort tonight (Wednesday) followed by the visit of Crewkerne Town Reserves, again at the club's HQ, on Saturday.

Uplyme are in the market for a new manager. Current incumbent Rodney Rowe confirmed that he,

commented to *View Sport*: "We'd like to thank Rod and Andy for their efforts during their time with us. We fully understand their decision with both work commitments and youth football on a Sunday eating into their time."

Uplyme complete their away games with trips to Beaminster Reserves tonight and Shepton at the weekend.

The end of season can't come too soon for Charmouth. The Robins were beaten 2-1 by Combe Reserves. Charmouth, without a league win all season have just one game remaining - tonight at home White Horse. Charmouth Reserves wind-up their campaign needing to win at Ilminster A on Saturday to have any chance of avoiding the League's wooden spoon.

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